

World Missions Will Highlight Rally

Outstanding Baptist leaders and missionaries will highlight the program of the annual World Missions Rally to be held at Camp Garaywa near Clinton Sept. 13-14.



Mr. Myers

Rev. E. L. Howell, director of the Brotherhood Department, said the meeting would begin at 9:45 a. m. Saturday and end after lunch at 11:15 a. m. Sunday.

Principal speakers will include Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary, Rev. Lewis Myers, Jr., missionary to Vietnam; Rev. John Mc-

Bride, assistant secretary, Department of Rural-Urban Missions, Southern Baptist Home Mission Board, Atlanta; Dr. Bryant Hicks, associate professor of Christian Missions, Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.; and Dr. David Mayhall, missionary to Nigeria; Dr. Joel Alvis, Jackson physician.

Those to preside over the sessions are Mr. Howell; Rev. Estus Mason, pastor First Baptist Church, Crystal Springs; and Dr. George Purvis, Jackson physician.

Music will be under direction of Dan C. Hall, music director. Mrs. Dawn Gandy of Jackson will render special music.

The program personnel will also include other state leaders and home and foreign missionaries.

Church leaders who are urged to attend include pastors, associate pastors, educational directors, secretaries, church committees and all church organization officers and leaders, including Sunday School Brotherhood, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, church music and others as well as superintendents of missions and associational officers and leaders.

Paul Harrell, associate in the Brotherhood Department, said that in addition to the above this year will be the first big attempt to enlist participation on the part of Royal Ambassador leadership and boys.

The rally should be of special interest to all World Missions Study and Action leaders, since the program will be so closely related to the main purpose of Brotherhood work.

COST: Over night lodging — \$1.50 and furnish your linens. (linens furnished are \$1.00 extra)

Food — Lunch \$1.25, Supper \$1.25, Breakfast \$.85.

This World Missions Conference has been sponsored now for several years by the Brotherhood Department.

Graham Marks 20th Year of Ministry

ANAHEIM, Calif. (Aug. 27, 1969)—Evangelist Billy Graham will mark his 20th Anniversary in international evangelism next month when he holds his Southern California Crusade in Anaheim Stadium scheduled for September 26 to October 5, 1969.

The Reverend Mr. Graham returns to Southern California where his world-wide evangelism began 20 years ago in a huge tent at Washington and Hill Streets in Los Angeles. He will proclaim essentially the same message that he preached in September, 1949, during his first major Crusade which was called the "Christ for Greater Los Angeles Campaign." He was then a 30-year-old college president and virtually unknown as an evangelist outside of a small circle of Christian people in various parts of the Midwest.

After two decades of holding his Crusades in most of the major cities (Continued on page 3)

Sansing Resigns Position To Accept State Pastorate

Dr. L. Gordon Sansing, director of evangelism for the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Jackson, has resigned that post to become pastor of First Baptist Church, Grenada.



Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary of the Board, in making the announcement, said that his resignation would be effective Sept. 15.

Dr. Sansing will succeed Rev. Bob Leavell, who resigned several months ago.

Dr. Sansing has been with the Convention Board since 1958 and has served in three capacities, first as secretary of cooperative missions, then associate executive secretary and since 1964 director of evangelism. A native of Neshoba County, he is

a graduate of Mississippi College and New Orleans Baptist Seminary.

In 1965 he was awarded the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity by Mississippi College.

Dr. Sansing has been active in denominational affairs having previously served on the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board as well as its Executive Committee.

Former pastorates held by Dr. Sansing include Pelahatchie, Booneville First, Brandon First and Crestwood and Broadmoor churches in Jackson. He has been active in civic life. In 1956-57 he was International Chaplain of Civitan International. In 1957-58 he served as governor of Mississippi District Civitan International and in 1963 was awarded International Civitan honor key.

Dr. Sansing has participated in several overseas missions tours and revivals and in 1966 attended the World Congress on Evangelism in West Berlin, Germany.

He is married to the former Polly Murphy of Union. They have three sons, Rev. Gordon Harold, pastor of First Baptist Church, Marks, and twin boys, Tom and Tim, students at the Memphis Academy of Arts.

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Generous 'Camille' Offering Urged

The churches of the Mississippi Baptist Convention are being urged to make a generous offering for Hurricane Camille relief on Sunday, Sept. 7, according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, who declared that the needs are urgent and critical.

The Executive Committee of the Convention Board, at the suggestion of the executive secretary, is making this appeal.

Dr. Hudgins said that part-time churches are asked to use another Sunday if necessary, as the offering will be "open" for some time to come.

Dr. Hudgins said that this offering would go to the Baptist churches and people who have suffered such heavy losses.

Offerings are already being received, and \$26,465.59 had been given through Friday, Aug. 29, according to A. L. Nelson, treasurer and business manager of the Convention Board.

The response of churches has been most encouraging. Some of the reports we have received are as follows: Calvary, Jackson, has given \$10,000 and set a goal for \$15,000 more; Broadmoor, Jackson, has set a goal of \$25,000; Parkway, Jackson, has set a goal of \$12,500.

Dr. Ramsey Pollard called to state that Bellevue, Memphis, voted Sunday to give \$10,000. The Missouri Convention sent \$5,000. Other churches already have sent gifts, and others have indicated that they intend to do so.

Dr. Hudgins asked that all contributions be sent to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

Baptist 'Camille' Response Immediate, Compassionate

By The Baptist Press

Southern Baptists have responded to the needs of people ravaged by Hurricane Camille's devastating winds and waves both immediately and compassionately, denominational leaders across the country have reported.

The response had provided food, clothing, personal needs, volunteers and money to the churches and people of the Mississippi and Louisiana Gulf Coast.

Southern Baptist Convention President W. A. Criswell of Dallas and SBC Executive Secretary Porter W. Routh of Nashville quickly issued an appeal for Baptist churches to send funds for assistance to the Mississippi Baptist Convention office in Jackson.

Service organizations such as the Civil Defense, American Red Cross, Salvation Army and the federal government have done "heroic things" in meeting immediate needs of the people secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board in Jackson.

Hudgins said that the greatest need of the Baptist churches is money to assist people and rebuild buildings as they face \$1.2 to \$1.5 million in uninsured damage, mostly caused by rising water not covered by insurance.

To administer the funds, Hudgins is recommending that the Executive Committee of the convention, in consultation with the executive committee of the Baptist associations in the Gulf Coast area, disburse funds received to aid churches and Baptist people.

All checks, whether from individuals or churches, should be made to the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss., said Hudgins.

Meanwhile, in Louisiana, the execu-

tive secretary of the Louisiana Baptist Convention issued a similar appeal for funds to aid churches in Southern Louisiana which suffered up to \$250,000 damage in the hurricane.

Contributions to Louisiana Baptist churches should be marked for the Hurricane Camille Disaster Fund, Louisiana Baptist Convention, P. O. Box 311, Alexandria, La., said Robert L. Lee, the convention's executive secretary.

The Southern Baptist Home Missions Board, Atlanta, responded almost immediately with \$5,000 to Mississippi Baptists for emergency relief needs.

In addition to money, the Home Missions Board teamed up with the Southern Baptist Brotherhood Com-

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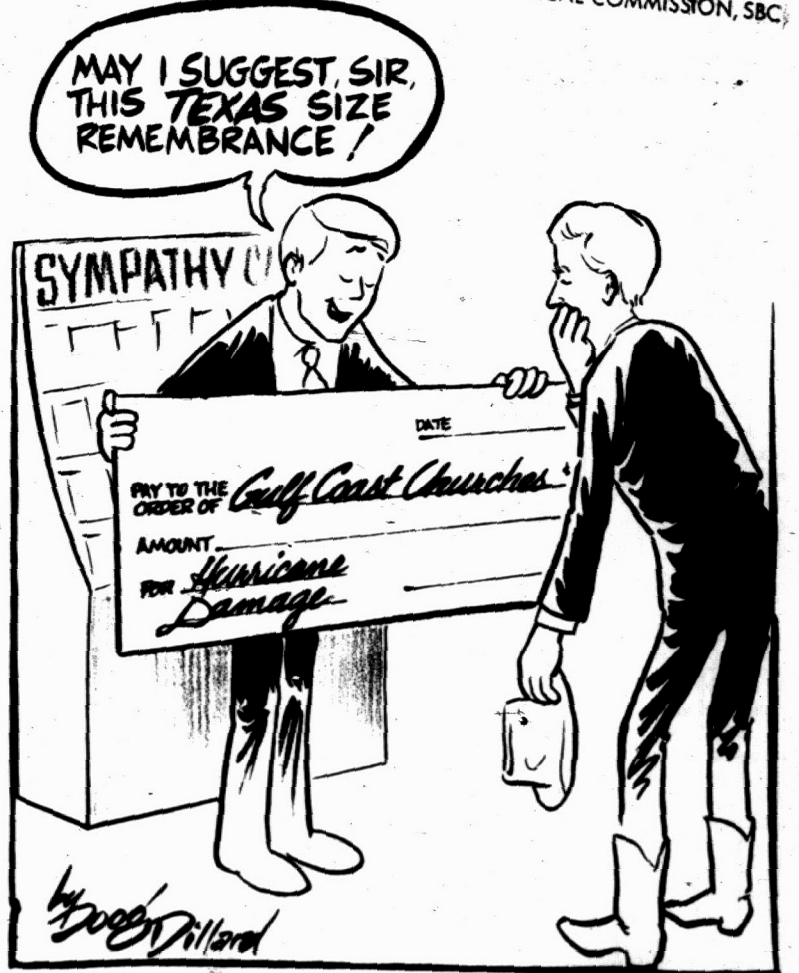
Replacement Named For W.M.U. Office

Miss Kaye Johnson, of Richmond, Texas, is the new youth director for Woman's Missionary Union, according to Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins.



Miss Johnson succeeds Mrs. Paul Aiken, the former Miss Ruth Little, who served

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This cartoon appeared in last week's issue of The Baptist Standard (Texas) along with the report on the damage of Hurricane Camille to Mississippi Baptist work, and with an appeal by the editor, Dr. John Hurt, Jr., for churches to give aid to the stricken area.

There Is A Bright Side In Hurricane Disaster

By Larry Rohrman,

Pastor, First Baptist Church, Biloxi

It occurred to me that the Baptists of Mississippi might appreciate a first hand account of the damage to the Gulf Coast as a result of Hurricane Camille. I am happy to supply such an account with special emphasis upon the bright side.

The one hundred and ninety mile an hour wind died about 2 a.m. Monday morning. At six o'clock I was awakened by a knock at my door and upon opening it, I saw a fifty year old man standing there with nothing on but underclothes. There is something very pitiful about such a sight as that. Little did I expect that such sights would become routine during the next two weeks. All my neighbors across the street lost almost all of their possessions. An accurate description of much of my neighborhood and the Gulf Coast is "wrapped up in one word, GONE. But out of the mud heap of ruin and the ugliness of debris came some of the most beautiful stories and experiences I have ever witnessed.

The First Day

The first day after the hurricane we all walked around in a daze. The two most commonly used phrases, however, were "Thank you," and "Can I help?" Together neighbors dug through debris to salvage some trinket or keepsake that could be found. Then the clean-up began. It was not

uncommon to see a husband and wife, who had been separated because the wife was up state while the husband stayed with the house during the storm, standing hand in hand with tears in their eyes, as they looked at their life's possessions in the heap of mud. But they were happy. Happy to be alive! Happy to have each other! Happy for a new chance!

One of my church members had to put his family in the attic of his house as the tide waters ripped out the walls and all of their possessions. I asked him if he had been afraid. He said, "Yes preacher, I was scared to death." "What did you do to keep your family from knowing you were afraid?" I asked. He replied, "We prayed and sang hymns all night." How wonderful I thought to have a faith to hold on to which is a solid rock during a tempestuous storm. Great is our God!

Miracles

By Tuesday our city was starving. A critical situation developed. Riots broke out as people fought to get food for their starving families. The Mayor asked me to devise a way to get food to the people and we set up a central distribution center at the Buena Vista Hotel and aid centers all over the city. It was then that the miracles began to happen. Truck loads of food and clothing began to come in from all over our state and nation. These

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News Analysis

Churches Are Affected By Tax Reform

By John W. Baker

Associate Executive Director Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs

WASHINGTON (BP) — The taxpayers' revolt which hit local and state governments a few years ago has had a delayed impact on Washington. Congress is considering tax reforms which could vitally affect churches and their agencies. The U. S. Supreme Court is considering a case which could abolish tax exemptions to churches and could eliminate income tax deductions on gifts to churches.

Shortly before its summer recess the House of Representatives passed the most inclusive tax reform bill in its history. Although the bill must yet be considered by the Senate and the President, and although many proposals relating to churches were studied, here is how the House treated churches and taxation:

"Deductions for contributions to religious groups are retained as presently provided;

"Foundations operated by religious groups are exempted from the 7%

per cent tax placed on other non-profit foundations;

"Businesses bought by churches and leased back to the managers in order to gain an advantage over competitors are removed from the tax-free status;

"Donors of appreciated securities and property to churches and their agencies may continue to claim the full value of their contribution without paying capital gains taxes on the appreciated value.

Some changes may be made in the Senate. President Nixon has said that he is not in favor of the entire bill, but he has not yet said what parts he opposes. Pressure groups, including churches, will be active, but tax reform assuredly is in the offing.

After the U. S. Supreme Court begins its fall session in October, it will hear a church-tax case brought by a New York Attorney. This will probably be a landmark decision on tax exemption of church property used exclusively for religious purposes.

The Constitution, in the First Amendment, states that "Congress shall make no law respecting an es-

tablishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof." The Fourteenth Amendment says in part that "no state shall make or enforce any law which shall... deprive any person of life, liberty, or property without due process of law." This, according to the Supreme Court, prohibits states from interfering with First Amendment freedoms.

Frederick Walz, who says he is a religious man but not a church member, owns a tiny parcel of land on Staten Island, N. Y. He claims that tax exemption for churches increases his property taxes, puts money into churches' hands, and thereby establishes religion. Such action, Walz claims, interferes with his freedom of religion and is, therefore, unconstitutional.

If the Supreme Court agrees with Walz's argument, the special position churches have held in the realm of tax exemption and tax privilege will be destroyed.

Many Christians are concerned about the tax reform bill and the Walz case. Some say that a church which depends on exemption of its property from taxation or on such

provisions as deductions for gifts to churches from an individual's income taxes puts itself in such a weakened position that it can have no viable message on separation of church and state.

Baptists have often held that their schools should not receive governmental grants or loans, because, they have contended, this would violate separation of church and state. Is there a difference between a direct subsidy to a church-related institution and an indirect subsidy to the church itself? This is not an easy question to answer.

The Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs has been active in the discussion on the churches and tax policy. Its Fourth Religious Liberty Conference in 1960 was on this subject. Last year the committee directed its staff to prepare a study of the problem and to develop a philosophy on tax exemption for church property.

This report will be considered by the committee in October. The final draft will be transmitted to the spon-

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Baptist Foundation Assets Reach High of \$3,404,030

By Carey E. Cox

Executive Secretary, Mississippi Baptist Foundation

In the midst of much distressing news and when decline in various areas of the Lord's work makes headlines, it is refreshing to learn of excellent progress.

The total assets in fund principal of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation for the fiscal year which ended June 30, increased from \$3,051,134.89 to \$3,404,030.10.

This is an increase of \$352,895.21, with \$297,318.62 in gifts and trust funds added to principal.

The trustees of the Mississippi Baptist Foundation are seven outstand-

ing business men and two fine pastors.

The Mississippi Baptist Convention elects these men largely on the basis of their Christian character, manifest denominational loyalty, keen insight and excellent judgment in business, plus a willingness to turn aside from personal interest and give first priority to involving themselves in this important part of the Lord's work.

As evidence of the blessings of God upon their diligence to the task assigned by the Convention, the Foundation had income received and accrued on investments last year of

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Losses of Churches in Hurricane Area

Gulf Coast Association

The following are the churches of the Gulf Coast Association and their damage. Both to the church and the pastorate along in some cases with the pastor's personal loss, too, figured in with this. (Alphabetical order)

Bayou View, Gulfport	\$1,000
Bay Vista, Biloxi	800
Bay St. Louis	1,000
Bay View, Biloxi	14,000
Beach Blvd., Pass Christian	19,500
Bel Aire, Gulfport	10,000
Biloxi, First	6,000
Big Ridge, Biloxi	1,200
Broadmoor, Gulfport	3,050
Calvary, Gulfport	1,000
D'Iberville, Biloxi	none
East Howard, Biloxi	25,000
Emmanuel, Biloxi	2,000
Faith View, Saucier	100
Fernwood, Gulfport	1,000
Forrest Ave., Biloxi	200
Grace Memorial, Gulfport	27,500
Gulf Gardens, Gulfport	5,350
Gulfport, First	360,000
Gulfport Heights, Gulfport	1,500
Handsboro	none

Lakeshore, Hancock County	5,000
Lizana, Gulfport	none
Long Beach, First	300,100
Lyman, First	500
McHenry, First	500
Michael Memorial Gulfport	100
New Hope, Gulfport	3,000
Northward, Gulfport	300
Mississippi City, Gulfport	10,000
Olivet, Gulfport	300
Pass Christian, First	4,000
Pass Road, Gulfport	4,285
Pearlington	500
Perkinson, First	100
Providence, Gulfport	500
Riverside, Long Beach	100
Sharon, Long Beach	7,000
Shifalo Memorial, Kiln	1,800
Success, Biloxi	500
Trinity, Biloxi	1,500
Waveland, First	1,150
West Gulfport	1,000
Wiggins, First	500
Woolmarket, Biloxi	3,000
Delisle Chapel, Delisle	1,000
Shoreline, Bay St. Louis	15,000
TOTAL	\$41,935

Jackson County Association

A telephone conversation with Rev. Zeno Wells, Superintendent of Missions for the Jackson County Association, revealed that a number of churches there received some damage from Hurricane Camille, but that all of it was from the high winds

and not from the tides. He estimated that the losses would total about \$50,000, but felt that most, if not all of it, would be covered by insurance. He felt that it was not necessary to list the individual churches and their losses.

Pearl River County

The following Churches in the Pearl River Association have suffered hurricane damage: West Union; half its roof blown off, interior of auditorium, furnishings and organ severely damaged. Estimated loss: \$20,000.00. Flat Top Church; building apparently a total loss. Damage in excess of \$12,000.00. First Church, Carriere; minor damage, Church used as relief station. Estimated loss: \$5,000.00. Oak Hill; slight water damage to auditorium, severe damage to part of educational building, complete loss of covered passageway. Estimated loss, \$15,000.00.

Juniper Grove Church, Poplarville; steeple destroyed, roof damage, condition of auditorium unknown. Probable loss, \$7,500.00. Crane Creek Church; auditorium and class room building a total loss. Pastor's home slightly damaged. Estimated loss \$35,000.00.

The above list comprise those of the Churches some of our staff visited last Friday. General damage to homes, mobile homes, businesses, timber and tung orchards was tremendous. — W. D. Hudgins

Negro Churches

We have not yet received a survey on the losses by Negro Churches in the storm area, but have learned from Dr. William P. Davis and others there have been severe losses to a number of churches. One or more buildings was completely destroyed, while several others were greatly damaged by

wind and water. It is probable that some of these churches carried inadequate insurance to cover the tremendous losses they have sustained. Also, these and all the other churches, will be affected by the economic conditions, just as seriously, or even more seriously than the white churches.

Statement By Telephone From Pastor First Church, Gulfport

By John Traylor

Pastor of First Church, Gulfport

I'd like to say a word about last Sunday. We had a tremendous service. We had to operate under emergency power. We also were able to broadcast over WROA with emergency power, and an emergency mobile unit.

We had over 500 people in attendance by actual head count. One of the highlights of the service was a report from George Estes Jr. Chairman of our Building Committee, concerning the damage sustained, and what had been done by way of emergency steps, and what was being done in long range planning, to get us back into operation. Repairs have begun and we are making a great deal of progress.

The spirit of the service last Sunday was tremendous, and we are endeavouring to have Sunday school, as well as worship service, this coming Sunday. We could not have Sunday school last Sunday because we were so hard hit, and so disorganized. The roof of our educational building was seriously damaged, besides the waves entering the building, also many of our people were just scattered to the four winds, because of the storm.

Concerning the damage in the auditorium we had L. L. Sams Company Manufacturers of our pews, to check them. Mr. Sams himself flew in with several of his executives. We are hoping that the backs and bottoms of the pews and the cushions can be repaired. The cushions would have to be re-covered of course. The ends are worthless.

We have a great carpet cleaning operation going on here now out in front of the church in the street. There is no other place big enough to clean it. Even if we are able to get it cleaned it will cost about \$3,000.

We have been without power here at the church since the hurricane. We almost lost the life of one of our deacons, Ralph Shaw, who is an engineer with the power company. He was helping us get the power back on, and the main panel arced out,

and caused a tremendous fire. If he had been half a step one way or the other, he would have lost his life. I was with him and I was able to get back out of the way, but he was pinned up in a corner. It turned out that that probably saved his life.

As church leaders we are very much concerned that this calamity will help our community and help our churches, especially in turning people to God and making them more interested in the Lord's work. We did have at our services last Sunday morning a lot of people who haven't been to church in a long long time. What this means of course, is too early to say. It may not mean anything. Often times it is nothing more than emotional surge on the part of people. It may not involve a turning back to God, but we are hopeful.

Some of our membership of course, will be moving away. Like Bro. O. R. Mosley. He is going to Canton, Miss., to live with his daughter and her husband. But he came by this morning and gave his tithe, before going on up there.

We know of only two deaths, Mr. Rich and Mr. George Drinnan who died of a heart attack brought on by the storm. A lady who was reported missing, now has been found safe.

Replacement

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as G. A. director.

Miss Johnson has the new title of youth director because of the new age grading and grouping plans in the W. M. U., Dr. Robinson said.

Miss Johnson, who began her work Sept. 1, was graduated in the spring of this year from Southwestern Baptist Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

She is also a graduate of Southwest Texas Teachers College at San Marcos, Texas.

Miss Johnson has served the past two summers on the staff at Camp Garaywa at Clinton.

In her new position she will be in charge of the overnight camping program at Garaywa.



Front view of First Baptist Church in Biloxi which served as one of several Baptist relief centers for victims of Hurricane Camille.

Relief Centers Operated By Baptists For Victims of Hurricane Camille



Inside scene at First Baptist Church, Biloxi showing part of the clothing and other articles gathered and distributed to hurricane victims.



Rev. Larry Rohman, pastor of First Baptist Church, Biloxi, is seen at right (facing your left) along with other relief workers. Mr. Rohman was appointed by the Mayor of Biloxi soon after the hurricane struck to help direct distribution of supplies.



The First Baptist Church of Wiggins served as a relief center for the hurricane. It also was used as a refugee center.



Dr. James Semple, pastor of First Baptist Church, Paris, Texas, led the Campbell Soup Company plant in his community to donate 2200 cases of food to the hurricane victims, and then got a trucking firm to transport it to the Mississippi coast. Dr. Semple is seen helping unload the cases.

Evangelism Meet Set Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS — Dr. W. A. Criswell, Dr. Ira Galloway, Dr. Bruce Larson and Dr. Nelson Trout will deliver the "responses to the theme of the day" at the Congress on Evangelism at the Minneapolis, Minn., Auditorium, September 8 - 13.

The daily plan of the six-day Congress calls for a major study paper each morning, followed by a response by yet another speaker.

Dr. Nelson Trout, Minneapolis, a member of the Evangelism department of the American Lutheran Church, will give the response on Tuesday when the theme is "The Church and Evangelism in a Day of Revolution." Dr. Trout is one of a number of black clergymen and lay leaders who will be addressing the Congress.

Dr. W. A. Criswell, Dallas, Texas, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Dallas, largest in the denomination, and also president of the Southern Baptist denomination, speaks on Wednesday in response to the position paper theme, "The Church and the Journey Inward."

Dr. Bruce Larson, New York, executive director of the National Council on Christian Evangelism, will be heard on Thursday morning responding to the theme, "Evangelism and Renewal in the Church."

Responding Friday morning on the theme, "Evangelism and Coming World Peace," will be Dr. Ira Galloway, pastor of the United Methodist Church of Fort Worth, Texas. Dr. Galloway pastors one of the largest Methodist Churches in the country and was an oil executive and county judge before going into the ministry.

The Minneapolis-based Congress is a follow-up of the World Congress on Evangelism held in 1958 in Berlin, Germany. Chairman of this Congress is Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffmann, St. Louis, Mo., speaker on the Lutheran Hour. Honorary chairman is Dr. Billy Graham, Montreat, N. C. speaker on the Hour of Decision.

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\$228,897.50. This figure on the plus side of 7%.

For several years the earnings by the Mississippi Baptist Foundation have exceeded the percent earnings of any other Baptist Foundation in the Southern Baptist Convention.

As we all know, the movement of the market was such that capital gains were extremely difficult. Yet there were capital gains taken in the amount of \$57,228.50.

This adds up to \$286,126.00 for the accounts served by the Foundation. Surely Mississippi Baptists should have a great sense of appreciation for the superb job being done by your Foundation trustees.

Your Mississippi Baptist Foundation is fully accredited by your Convention and is a chartered agency of the Convention to serve all the other agencies; institutions and work of the Convention.

The business administration has proven itself capable and is ready to serve the largest responsibility you can commit to it.

Free service is offered in bringing wills to maturity if any part of the estate is designated for some part of the Lord's work as carried on by Mississippi Baptists or Southern Baptists.

We regularly have wills in probate and have funds coming to the Foundation which will continue to give strength to kingdom work after the deceased has gone to live with the Lord.

"Life Income Annuities"

Increasingly our Baptist people are

establishing "life income annuities."

The Federal Government offers inducement in the form of tax advantages to those who establish life income annuity agreements with charitable institutions. This is a method whereby a person may give his estate, yet retain a guaranteed income from it as long as he or his spouse lives. This has many attractive advantages.

When this is done no part of the annuity is taken out for management or overhead, and the donor receives income on the total of annuity assets. Often there will be attractive capital gains and income tax advantages. Also the values of the annuity will be removed from exposure of estate taxes and probate expenses.

The Mississippi Baptist Foundation can write contracts with a "delayed annuity." In this the donor elects to delay receiving payments. This has some possible tax advantages and high rate of yield on investment.

A very attractive contract with the Foundation is the "variable annuity." In this the donor elects to receive the total earnings for life and thereafter the earnings are directed to some part of the Lord's work determined by the donor and written into the contract. This also offers tax advantages.

The Mississippi Baptist Foundation invites questions concerning its services and pledges to perform in total conformity to its chartered responsibility.

Hudgins, Others of Convention Staff Visit Pearl River Association Churches

The Board's Executive Secretary, Dr. Hudgins, accompanied by Convention Treasurer A. L. Nelson and Annuity Board Representative W. R. Roberts made an inspection tour of the Pearl River Association area last Friday and report major damage to several of our Churches there. Crane's Creek and the Flat Top Churches were total losses. West Union Church suffered severe damage to its auditorium and its furnishings but revival services scheduled for the week following the hurricane were continued in the adjoining assembly room. Crane's Creek pastor's home, situated about a hundred yards from the Church, was but slightly damaged, and the pastor and his wife directed a massive food and clothing distribution from their home. Nearly fifty people were in the basement of the Church when the structure was struck, the wind sucking out the roof completely and lifting the structure several feet in the air and depositing it completely off its foundation.

The Flat Top Church, a congregation about one year old, had its small structure completely demolished. Close by the congregation had rented and erected a tent where services are being held. This Church is reported to have had no insurance. First Church, Piquette, appears to have been almost undamaged. The Juniper Grove Church, near Poplarville, had its steeple blown off and received some roof damage.

First Church, Carriere, where Gary Smith, our Board member, is pastor, came through with slight damage and has served since the hurricane as a relief center. The Red Cross, the Salvation Army and the local congregation combined to use the Church facilities as a center for distribution of food and clothes and it also was used for emergency medical service. Hundreds of people regardless of race have been served by Pastor Smith

and his people. Other Churches visited appeared to be without noticeable loss, but Dr. Hudgins reports that only a part of the area could have been covered in one afternoon.

Irene Chambers Killed In Wreck

ATLANTA (BP)—Miss Irene Chambers, retired field worker for the Home Mission Board, was killed in an automobile collision August 19.

Miss Chambers, a native of Pocomoke, Ark., was returning to her hometown from Home Missions week at Ridgecrest, N. C., Baptist Assembly.

Two companions — Mrs. Branch Hutchinson and Mrs. Myrtle Singley of Pocomoke — also were killed in the head-on collision on Highway 63 about 20 miles west of Memphis. One person in the other car also was killed.

Miss Chambers was an active missionary for 21 years, and served frequently as a Home Missions speaker in camps and world mission conferences. She was a graduate of Central Junior College and Arkansas State Teachers College in Conway, Ark., and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary in Fort Worth.

Louisiana College Names News Staffer

PINEVILLE, La. (BP)—Franklin I. Presson, former managing editor of the Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine in Little Rock, has been named dean of students and director of news services for Louisiana College, a Baptist school here.

Bright Side To Hurricane

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boxes were sent from homes, stores and factories. As we unloaded the boxes we could almost see in a mother in Jackson, Natchez, Union, etc. standing at her kitchen table trying to put in to that box just those things she would want if she were unpacking it for her family in Biloxi. Love dripped off the shirt sleeves of the people of our state and nation. Knee deep in mire and mud the people of the Gulf Coast were made to rejoice again and again as wonderful people shared because they cared. How could one be discouraged with help like that.

Worship

Our church was packed this past Sunday. Not a dry eye could be seen from the time the service began to its final prayer. Never have the words of the doxology meant as much to our people. Imagine, if you can, a church full of people who were glad to be alive, singing in unison through tears, "Praise God from whom all blessings flow, praise Him all creatures here below, etc." We continued our worship by singing, "Count your blessings" and then "This is my Father's World." Never have we adored the name of God so meaningfully through singing. Our tears were tears of joy, not defeat and depression. We learned first hand that although we can be separated from our earthly ones, no one can separate us from the love of God expressed in Christ Jesus. We know for a fact that it is far better to lay up in store for ourselves treasures in Heaven where neither moth nor rust can molest, nor thieves can break through to steal. We are closer to God than ever before. The sermon Sunday was entitled "The Church in Shirt Sleeves." Too long have we sat with coat and tie within the four walls of the church. Finally we have rolled up our sleeves and gotten out where the needs of the people exist. God has gotten great glory from this hurricane.

Down But Not Out

In short we are down but not out. We are not depressed. We are alive with excitement. We are not defeated. We are pressing on toward the victory. Many of our people have lost their income and the time of nothing is nothing. But with your help we will honor God. Please continue to care and share in the name of the Lord. We intend to serve the Lord while strength lasts. Your prayerful support is like a breath of fresh air. Each time we start to get weak one of you call or stop by to express your love and God uses it to keep life surging through us. May God bless you all.

In closing — it is very tough to get knocked down in the mud but it is thrilling to feel your strong arm helping us as we struggle to our feet. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

Graham Marks —

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of the world and preaching the Christian Gospel to more people than any man in history, he has more invitations than ever to hold these Crusades.

The 50-year-old former Fuller Brush salesman from North Carolina has preached to more than 50 million persons in nearly 200 major Crusades since September, 1949, and in hundreds of individual rallies and single meetings.

His Crusades have been conducted in 50 countries, on every continent, covering such diverse places as Paris, Berlin, London, Nairobi, Addis Ababa, Tokyo, Rio de Janeiro, Buenos Aires, and even in Eastern Europe in Zagreb, Yugoslavia. Language barriers have never restricted his message as local interpreters translate for him. Sometimes he has had as many as three interpreters with him on the platform to translate into local dialects.

Churches Are Affected—

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soring conventions for their consideration.

The questions which must be answered are many and difficult. Should all church property be exempt from taxation or should only that part used for proclaiming the gospel and for the direct supporting agencies in the educational and evangelical functions be exempt?

How do you determine which property is directly and which is indirectly used exclusively for religious purposes?

Are colleges or hospitals exclusively religious or should they be tax exempt on some other basis?

What about the church-owned parsonage or the tax free housing allowance given to ministers?

What about business owned by churches in competition with tax-paying private business even when all of its profits go to the church for religious programs?

The time has arrived when church leaders and public officials must come up with answers to these and other questions.



CHARTING BROTHERHOOD FUTURE: George W. Schroeder (left), executive secretary of the Brotherhood Commission, and new officers of the Southern Baptist agency consider building plans underway at Memphis, Tenn. They are (from left) Hubert G. Keefer of St. Clair Shores, Mich., recording secretary; James Clark of Richmond, Wash., vice chairman, and John Moore of Taylor, Tex., chairman. The men were elected for one-year terms at the annual meeting of the Brotherhood Commission in Memphis.—Brotherhood Commission Photo

Brotherhood Commission Sets '69-70 Record Budget

MEMPHIS — Directors of the Brotherhood Commission have adopted a record 1969-70 budget of \$675,266, approved an enlarged training program for 2,000 associational Brotherhood officers, and instructed employees of the agency to continue to carry out their duties consistent with a doctrinal statement passed by the Southern Baptist Convention.

The new budget, up \$46,380, includes almost \$50,000 for a double barrel field service program designed to train 2,000 associational Brotherhood workers in 26 states in special conferences this fall and to interpret 1970 Brotherhood refinements to associational Brotherhood leaders next spring. George W. Schroeder, executive secretary of the agency, said.

Schroeder said new funds were also needed to staff five new magazines the Southern Baptist agency will begin producing in 1970. He identified them as *Crusader*, a monthly read-

ing magazine for boys in School grades 1-6; *Probe*, a monthly reading magazine for boys in grades 7-12; *Crusader Counselor*, a monthly, and *Probe: Leadership Edition*, a quarterly, for leaders of these boys; and *Brotherhood Builder*, a quarterly for general Brotherhood officers. The agency also publishes two magazines for men.

Action on the doctrinal position of agency employees followed by two months a request from Southern Baptist Convention messengers for agency trustees to be "diligent in seeing that the programs assigned to them by the Convention are carried out in a manner consistent with and not contrary to the Convention's statement of faith."

The Southern Baptist Convention framed a doctrinal statement covering more than 20 categories at its annual session in Kansas City, Mo., in 1963.

FMB Names 25 Missionaries

"I welcome you to a mission possible, glorious, radiant, joyous, and fruitful in Jesus Christ," Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, told 25 men and women immediately after they had been voted missionaries of Southern Baptists by the Foreign Mission Board. The appointment service was held in Holcomb Auditorium at Glorieta (N. Mex.) Baptist Assembly before a congregation estimated to be about 3,000.

The Board met at Glorieta Assembly, August 18-20, the last days of the annual foreign mission conference. Among the 25 new appointees are 19 career missionaries and six missionary associates.

Dr. Cauthen began his charge to the new missionaries: "Perhaps some of you are asking, 'Am I going out on a mission impossible?' What is impossible with men is possible with God."

"You must be asking, 'How can I be adequate for this?' As Jesus becomes our qualification, what is impossible becomes possible."

"Mission possible, or mission impossible? The answer is in the realities of the living Lord Jesus."

The August appointees bring the current missionary staff of Southern Baptists (as of August 20) to 2,464.

In addition to the appointment of missionaries, the Board

1. Elected Dr. Samuel A. DeBord, a member of the administrative staff of the Board since September, 1965, director of promotion.

2. Elected Rev. V. Allen Gaines, of Richmond, Va., second vice-president to fill the vacancy left when J. Leonard Moore, of Richmond, rotated off the Board in June.

3. Authorized the continuation of a study regarding the problems teenage children of missionaries have in reentering the U. S. culture when they return for high school or college.

4. Requested that, in view of the increasing loss of missionaries due to the necessity of their caring for elderly and ill parents, a study be initiated regarding the problem.

5. Invited Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Eugene West, who are now in Africa on a mission tour, to remain at Blantyre, Malawi, for a year, to serve an English-language Baptist church.

6. Invited Dr. J. Winston Pearce, who is retiring from the faculty of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., to teach homiletics in the European Baptist Theological Seminary, Ruschlikon, Switzerland, during the 1970-71 school year.

Division Heads Report

The Board heard the reports of its

administrative staff by divisional organization. After a brief report from Dr. Winston Crawley, director of the overseas division, on matters which affect the total work overseas, five of the six area secretaries gave reports. Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, secretary for Africa, who was called away from the meeting due to the death of a brother, filed a report.

A few gleanings from the area reports follow:

Dr. Goerner said Baptists in Rhodesia are getting more time on the air as a result of quality radio programs produced at the new Baptist recording studio in Salisbury. Also, a missionary photographer stationed in Rhodesia will soon have educational filmstrips in color ready for use in Baptist churches all over Africa.

Dr. Frank K. Means, secretary for South America, said the summer (or winter) of 1969 has been anything but tranquil in the area where he has responsibility. (The U. S. summer is actually winter in parts of South America south of the equator.)

Dr. John D. Hughey, secretary for Europe and the Middle East, who had just returned from 10 weeks overseas, said a conference in Teheran, Iran, attended by 29 Southern Baptist missionaries from the Middle East and a few other persons, was the most significant in which he has participated. Its major purpose was to focus attention on the fact that the main mission of Southern Baptists in the Middle East is to Muslims. Dr. Hughey said. He quoted a missionary on the possible value of the meeting:

Dr. R. Keith Parks, secretary for Southeast Asia, pleaded for more missionaries, especially for preachers equipped for what the Board calls field evangelism.

"In spite of the responsiveness to the gospel in the Philippines, no field evangelists have been appointed for that country in more than three years," he said.

He named "related and interrelated" aspects of evangelism in Southeast Asia:

1. Social work in Vietnam: Because the missionaries in Vietnam were experiencing so many different pressures from tragic, desperate human needs, the foreign Mission Board asked Dr. Walter Delamarter, associate professor of social work and director of social work education at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., to go to Vietnam for the purpose of helping the missionaries develop a long-range plan for ministering more effectively among the people.

Dr. Parks said the full report made

Interim Report Sees Serious Church Damage From Storm

GULFPORT, Miss. (RNS) — Damage to churches and church-owned installations by Hurricane Camille was estimated at \$15 million in an interim survey reported here. The figure was expected to rise when a final tabulation was possible.

Roman Catholic, Episcopal, United Methodist and Baptist facilities were hardest hit by the worst North American hurricane in recorded history.

Damage to Catholic properties was estimated at \$12 million. About one half of Mississippi's Catholic population is on the Gulf Coast. Only 31 of 107 Catholic buildings in the storm's path escaped. The Louisiana area raked by Camille also had heavy church damage.

Father Gilbert O'Neill, O.S.B., was drowned. He was chaplain to the Missionary Sisters of the Sacred Heart at Ocean Springs, Miss. Incomplete reports listed six Catholic churches, three schools, four rectories, two convents and four parish halls completely destroyed.

Episcopal Bishop John M. Allin and Canon Fred Bush reported after an inspection tour that approximately \$1 million in damages were sustained by churches and schools of their denomination.

Trinity church, Pass Christian, Miss., built in 1851, was leveled as was the church's rectory. The wife of the rector, the Rev. Durrie B. Hardin, was killed. The clergyman was found in a state of shock under the rubble.

The district parsonage of the United Methodist church in Gulfport was demolished. Methodist churches in Venice and Buras, La., were wiped out. Except for the administration building the denomination's Gulfside Assembly, Wave land, is no more. Community centers in Biloxi and Columbia, Miss., also were damaged.

Dr. W. Douglas Hudgins, executive secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, said uninsured Baptist losses would probably be \$1.5 million.

Two Baptist assembly areas were hit by Camille's wind and waves. Kirtland Baptist Assembly near Pass Christian was left with no walls standing. At Gulfshore Baptist Assembly, a \$2 million retreat center

near Bay St. Louis, Miss., four of 13 buildings survived.

A Bay St. Louis Baptist Mission was destroyed and buildings in Gulfport, Pass Christian, Long Beach and Mississippi City heavily damaged.

A 30-foot sailboat rested on the sidewalk of the First Baptist church, Gulfport, after Camille passed and water was three feet deep in the sanctuary. Mud an inch thick covered the carpets of the \$3 million structure.

Both United Methodist and Southern Baptist denominational officials issued an appeal for their churches to take an offering in early September to repair damages.

The Presbyterian Church, U.S., also announced a fund drive, for church restoration and human relief.

Two of the most architecturally unusual churches on the Gulf escaped with hardly a scratch. They are St. Michael's Catholic church, Biloxi, designed like a sea shell, and the St. Peter's by the Sea church with an all-glass front. Both are right on the beach.

Xavier Hall, a lay retreat center run by the Jesuits in Pass Christian,

survived but suffered extensive damage after a chimney fell, crushing the kitchen and dining hall roof.

"It's like living in a jungle," said Father Edward A. Sheridan, S. J., who described conditions at Xavier Hall. "We need help badly."

An RNS reporter found the assistant director of the center cooking over a wood fire outside the building.

Across the Bay St. Louis Bridge, St. Stanislaus College Prep School, run by the Sisters of the Sacred Heart was also completely demolished. Damage was estimated at from \$700,000 to \$1 million.

The Sacred Heart Shrine in Bay St. Louis was "leveled," according to Father Wilbur White, administrator of the Society of the Divine Word Seminary.

The St. Claire Catholic church in Bay St. Louis held worship on the Sunday following the storm on the concrete slab where the building once stood.

In Biloxi, the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, erected in 1875, lost its entire sanctuary. A bell tower was left standing.

Baptist Camille Response Immediate, Compassionate

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mission in an appeal for laymen in the construction trade to volunteer to spend time working to rehabilitate the devastated areas.

T. E. Carter of the board's department of Christian social ministries said that more than 100 laymen volunteered almost immediately, should their services be needed. On story headlined "Baptist Response to Hurricane 'Immediate and Compassionate,' carried above in this mailing, please insert the following after graph 11 on page 5 of mailing. Information arrived too late to be inserted in original copy.

Baptists in neighboring Alabama swung into action to help bring relief to survivors by setting up a central receiving center for relief supplies from Baptist churches in Alabama. The center is located at 2001 Southern Blvd., Montgomery, Ala.

Though the Alabama coast was not hit as hard by the hurricane, some of the aid will go to Baptist churches and people in Alabama. George Bagley, Alabama Baptist executive secretary, asked that checks be sent to the convention at Box 11870, Montgomery, marked for "Relief."

An appeal from the executive sec-

retary of the Baptist General Convention of Texas, T. A. Patterson, went out to all pastors and area missionaries in Texas, calling for money, linens and cooking materials, clothing and foodstuffs, work teams, and books to replace pastors' lost libraries.

The Baptist General Convention of Texas' program coordinating committee approved withdrawal of \$10,000 from its reserve funds for immediate hurricane relief. Patterson said he hoped the contribution would stimulate Texas Baptist churches to contribute many times that amount.

One of the quickest responses came from the pastor of First Baptist Church, Paris, Tex., James Semple, who called executives of local Campbell Soup Co., plant and got them to give two semi-trailer truckloads of canned foods — \$3,000 cans of spaghetti and pork and beans.

Even quicker response came from Douglas Hudgins Jr., of Jackson, a commercial pilot, who immediately rented two DC-3 airplanes at personal cost of \$6,000, appealed to Jackson area residents for milk, bread, orange juice and baby food, and flew 100,000 pounds of such food to the Gulfport airport even before other service agencies could get organized.

On the Mississippi Gulf Coast, two central receiving stations were set up for such truckloads and plane loads of food and clothing.

Receiving Points Set

The Gulf Coast Baptist Association established a central receiving point at the Grace Memorial Baptist Church, 23rd at 23rd in Gulfport, Miss., for all food and clothing given through Baptist channels.

Meanwhile, in Biloxi, Miss., the pastor of the First Baptist Church, Larry Rohman established a Civil Defense central receiving stations at the request of the mayor "to feed and clothe" the city of Biloxi. That central point was set up at the Buena Vista Hotel in downtown Biloxi.

J. W. Brister, superintendent of missions for the Gulf Coast Baptist Association said that any food, clothing, personal or household items given by Baptist people should be sent to one of these two central points.

Brister asked, however, that Baptists not clean out their closets and send worn out clothes to the centers. "We want good, usable clothing," he said.

All clothes contributed should also be tagged with the size of the clothing. Relief workers simply do not have time to do this, Brister said.

Once electricity and safe water supplies were provided by the city, the immediate need for food and clothing lessened, since many of the people were then able to wash their clothes and cook food.

Need still exists, however, for such things as mops, brooms, clean up equipment, insect repellent, disposable diapers, tarpaulins, portable buildings and tents, portable generators, chain saws, canned foods and milk, etc., Brister said.

Brister and a number of Baptist pastors from the storm ravaged area agreed, however, that the biggest need is money. Almost all of the churches hit by the storm are in debt. First Baptist Church in Gulfport, for example, has an indebtedness of about \$1 million, and First Baptist Church, Long Beach, owes about \$250,000.

Many of the members of the churches have lost not only their own homes with long-term mortgages on them, but their businesses and jobs. Their ability to help the church is almost nil, one pastor said.

"The title of nothing is nothing,"

State Native Is Appointed

Mr. and Mrs. Edmond B. Moses, Jr., of Fort Worth, Tex., were appointed missionaries on August 19 during a special meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at Glorieta (N.Mex.) Baptist Assembly. A registered pharmacist, Mr. Moses will be a pharmacist and business manager at a Baptist hospital in Nigeria.

They began studying at Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, earlier this summer. Previously, Mr. Moses operated one of the drugstores in a family-owned chain of three in his native Orlando, Fla. He is a graduate of the University of Florida, Gainesville, with the bachelor of science degree in pharmacy, and a veteran of the U. S. Navy.

Mrs. Moses is the former Mary Ann Pugh. A Mississippian, born in Co-

lumbus, she grew up in the rural area near Brooksville. After receiving the bachelor of arts degree from Mississippi State College for Women, Columbus, she moved to Orlando, where she taught English in the public schools for six years.

During three summers she was a dramatics coach at a camp in New Hampshire, a waitress in a mountain lodge in Colorado, and a concessionaire at a swimming pool in Orlando. She met her husband - to be at the pool, and they were married a year later, in 1961.

Mr. Moses told the Foreign Mission Board prior to appointment that he first became interested in world missions while a member of Royal Ambassadors (Baptist organization for boys) in the Baptist church in Orlando which he had attended "from cradle roll on up." He said his interest was heightened during a foreign mission conference at Ridgecrest (N. C.) Baptist Assembly.

He cited two turning points in his life: first, his meeting, courting, and marrying "Missy" Pugh, and second, their participation several years later in a special mission emphasis in the church in Orlando. "We both felt almost simultaneously the call for total commitment to the Master for anything he wanted us to do," he recalled.

New Albany Youth Choir Makes Sixth Annual Tour

Forty-four members of the Youth Choir of First Church, New Albany, left Tuesday, August 12, on a singing tour through Tennessee, Virginia, Kentucky, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, and Alabama. They returned Saturday, August 16.

They traveled in the church's new air-conditioned bus.

This year there were 91 enrolled in the Youth Choir that has an average attendance of 63 for rehearsal and worship service.

James Wilson, deacon, drove the bus. Other adults were the pastor, Rev. William F. Evans, Mrs. Evans, accompanist; George Van Egmond, director, and Mrs. Van Egmond.



Mrs. Edmond B. Moses, Jr.

MRS. EDMOND B. MOSES, JR., a native of Columbus, and Mr. Moses were among 25 persons assigned to overseas posts August 19 during a special meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board at Glorieta (N.Mex.) Baptist Assembly.

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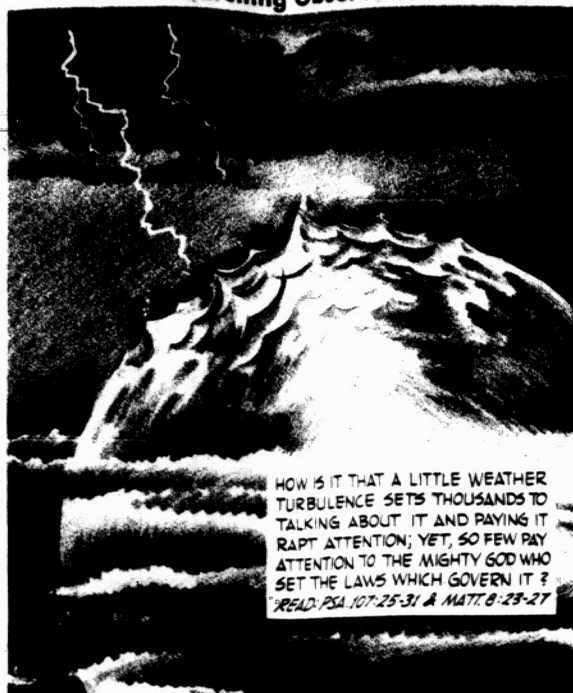
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A Searching Observation



HOW IS IT THAT A LITTLE WEATHER
TURBULENCE SETS THOUSANDS
TALKING ABOUT IT AND PAYING IT
RAPID ATTENTION; YET, SO FEW PAY
ATTENTION TO THE MIGHTY GOD WHO
SET THE LAWS WHICH GOVERN IT?
READ PSA 107:25-31 & MATTHEW 23:27



Quiet Talks ON RELIGION IN LIFE

CHESTER E. SWOR

Helping Hurricane Area Churches

The Mississippi Gulf Coast will be rebuilt. It will take some time to restore or replace the many businesses and homes which were damaged or destroyed especially along the beach, but they will be rebuilt.

The churches also must return to their former strength. Those which have had their buildings damaged or destroyed, must be repaired or rebuilt, as quickly as possible. This loss is almost \$1,000,000.

While some of it will be covered by insurance, much, especially in the most seriously damaged churches, will not be.

Those churches which have had their incomes seriously affected and their programs curtailed by the hurricane, and this probably includes every church in the storm area, must be assisted so that they can return to their full ministry as soon as possible. This loss cannot be calculated, since the economy of the coast area will be affected for sometime while tourist, fishing and some other industries, the ports, the government installations, and the businesses, all are being restored. In some cases this will take months or longer, and meanwhile the whole economy will be hurt. Add to this the fact that many members have lost their homes or businesses, or both, and many, their jobs, will mean that they do not have the means to support their churches as in the past. Because of all of this, every church probably will be affected.

The same thing is true of churches in the inland areas such as Pearl River Association, where not only were a number of churches seriously damaged, but also the whole economy was so affected, that it probably will be some time before the churches can return to their full financial strength.

It is because of all of this that the offering which is being asked next Sunday is so important. Churches and Christians all over the state, can come to the aid of these churches and church people, even as so many already have come to help in the emergency period which now is over.

Purpose

Dr. Hudgins has announced that the money received in the offering will be used for three purposes: 1. To help repair or rebuild damaged churches. 2. To help provide needed financial assistance for maintenance of essentials in the church programs. For example, some of the churches, such as those in the Pass Christian area, may not even have the money to pay salaries, since in that city, about 90% of the members lost their homes, and their businesses or their jobs.

Thank You!

The gratitude of all Mississippians reaches out to people everywhere, both within the state and far beyond, who responded so quickly, and so generously, with aid for people of the Mississippi areas stricken by the Hurricane Camille.

Never have we seen such an immediate, and open-handed response of people to those in need.

Even before the storm struck, and while it still was just a threat, officials and others began to move. They organized for action, to be ready for any eventuality.

During the storm, many persons in Civil Defense, and in official positions, from the Governor and his assistants down to the policemen and firemen, and volunteers were busy, seeking to rescue people, and to offer help to those in trouble.

After the storm was over, people flocked to the coast from all over the nation. Government officials, the Red Cross, the Salvation Army, Church groups, utilities company employees, the

3. To have available funds for emergency needs which pastors or leaders may find among the membership.

Every dollar of the fund will be carefully spent, under the direction of the Executive Committee and the Executive Secretary, working with the executive committees of the affected associations.

It is hoped that every church in the state will respond generously to this offering, since the needs are so immense. If all of us all over the state do some sacrificial sharing with our friends in the disaster areas, we not only will encourage them, but also will enable them to carry on their ministry at a time when it is needed so much.

Others Helping

Mississippi Baptists are not alone in this effort to meet the needs of our unfortunate friends. Already assistance is coming from all over the Southern Baptist Convention. The Secretary of the Texas Convention has asked the churches there to make an offering for Hurricane relief, and the Baptist Standard, state Baptist journal, has joined in the appeal. The Missouri Baptist Convention already has sent a check for several thousands of dollars. Churches in Louisville, Ky., have made plans for action, and your editor will represent Mississippi at a meeting of representatives of the churches there on Sunday afternoon, September 7. Dr. Porter Routh, Executive Secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention Executive Committee, and Dr. W. A. Criswell, President of the SBC, have both expressed deep concern and will bring the matter of assistance to the Executive Committee in its September meeting. Some churches and individuals from across the convention already have sent in checks, and others have inquired about what they could do. There is a wave of concern and interest all across the nation, so evidently aid will be coming from many places. However, Mississippi Baptists must lead the way and we can do so with a great offering next Sunday.

The needs for food and clothing, now have been met, and these no longer should be collected or sent. The time has come for us to lay cash on the offering plates, for it is money they need now.

Let each church pray about this important matter, and then do what it can in next Sunday's offering. Already, some of our Mississippi churches have heroically led the way by great gifts, or pledges. All of us can join them. It will be for the strengthening of our work, the unifying of our program, and for the glory of God.

National Guard, Army, Navy and Air Force units, and others, all headed for the coast to bring succor to the distressed, and to help clear away the wreckage of the storm.

Since the Hurricane, food, clothing and financial gifts have come from many states. Most of the money has gone to the funds which are to be under the direction of the Governor and public officials. But some has come to church leaders.

The response of the people has been overwhelming, and the spirit of sharing has been glorious.

Of course, all needs cannot be met, for the losses have been so staggering, but the sharing and help of friends, has lifted the spirits of all in the affected areas and they have the courage to fight on, despite the losses and difficulties the storm brought to them.

As one man on the coast said to a little group of us after the storm, "I have learned something new about the value of things." Perhaps all of us have.

A Special Need

As we toured the disaster stricken Gulf Coast on Wednesday, we came to a deep conviction, that there is an area of work which Southern Baptists have not, as far as we know, entered, and for which there is real need.

Driving through the devastated

areas, we met a beautiful bus or traveling van, of what appeared to be stainless steel, that had on its front and sides, "Salvation Army Disaster Unit." We noted that it carried a Michigan license. We would have guessed that it cost around \$100,000.

NEWEST BOOKS

IS THIS USA IN PROPHECY? by S. Franklin Logsdon, (Zondervan, 64 pp., paper, \$3.95).

Is the U.S.A. mentioned in name in prophecy? The author answers "No." But is the USA in the framework of prophecy? He answers "Yes," using Bible references to prove it. This is not a fanatical twisting of Bible prophecy to make it fit our nation, but rather a study of Bible prophecy of world conditions which are to come and a consideration of how the United States fits into that prophetic picture.

THE CASE FOR CREATION by Wayne Frair and P. William Davis; (Moody, paper, 96 pp., \$3.95).

Two outstanding Christian professors present a brief study of man with the reasons why one can be a scientist and still reject the modern theories of evolution and accept the creation clearly presented in the Bible. Solidly Biblical in its presentation.

ARCHAEOLOGY AND THE ANCIENT NEW TESTAMENT by James L. Kelso (Zondervan, 214 pp., \$4.95).

The author served for many years as professor of archaeology at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary. He also directed several archaeological expeditions and is a member of a number of archaeological societies and director of a number of schools of research, museums, etc. In this book which states that it is especially written for laymen, the author reveals how that archaeological findings serve as a proof of the truth of the Word of God, and that God exists and reveals himself to the people of the world. These studies especially consider great truths of the Old Testament with their meaning for modern men. The author shows the importance of the Old Testament as the Bible which Christ used. It will be a most helpful book, both to laymen and preachers. It is profusely illustrated.

AMOS AMONG THE PROPHETS by J. K. Howard. (Baker, 120 pp., \$2.95).

Reprint of a commentary first published in 1967 in Great Britain under the title of "Among the Prophets." A study of the prophetic tradition and setting, an analysis of the book of Amos, and a section by section commentary.

We did not have opportunity to check to see what the unit contained, but presume that there was a kitchen for preparing and dispensing foods, a medical unit for ministry to sick or injured persons, and other facilities. The disaster had hit Sunday night, and it had moved more than a thousand miles into the needy area by Wednesday.

Many such units were brought to the coast, we have been told, not only by the Salvation Army, but also by Seventh Day Adventists, and others. All were ready and responded immediately when the disaster struck.

Baptists were just as busy on the Coast, for pastors, and members alike, served in numerous ways. However, their service was not an organized ministry, such as that of the other groups which had made prior preparation for just such events. As a result, while Baptists served valiantly and tirelessly, there was little opportunity for the community or the world to know what they were doing. While such services should not be for glorification of the Baptist name, nevertheless the fact that people knew that the Salvation Army and others were working, did give a witness for

mentary. The author applies the teachings of Amos to our modern day.

HIDDEN MEANING IN THE NEW TESTAMENT by Ronald A. Ward (Revell, 190 pp., \$4.95).

A study of unusual spiritual truths revealed by careful examination of the Greek language of the New Testament. The author shows how that the Greek language brings vivid pictures and movement in its expressions. Often these are missed in the translations. Dr. Ward brings new light on them in this volume.

FIFTY-TWO SHORT ILLUSTRATIVE TALKS by David R. Piper (Baker, 148 pp., paper, \$1.95).

One of a series of books in Baker's "Speakers' and Toastmasters' Library." Reprint of a book of shortened human interest stories with a Christian message. The book originally appeared in 1948.

THE SPEAKER'S BOOK OF ILLUSTRATIONS by Herbert B. Prochnow (Baker, 165 pp., paper, \$2.50).

Illustrations, epigrams, quips, quotations, humorous stories, etc. for use by speakers. One of the Baker series "Speakers' and Toastmasters' Library."

Camille Response ----

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remarked First Baptist Church Biloxi Pastor Rohrman.

In addition to the Gulfport and Biloxi centers, a similar Red Cross emergency relief center was established at First Baptist Church, Wiggins, Miss., about 35 miles north of Gulfport. Pastor Paul Grissitt coordinated the efforts there, aiding refugees who have been evacuated from the area.

At Bay Vista Baptist Church in Biloxi, Pastor Lloyd Sparkman offered his church to the District 30-D Lions Club members who wanted a place to set up a clothes distribution center. Baptist pastors in the area also were seeking to set up an organization to make a study of the losses and needs and come up with a comprehensive long-range plan to help the entire area to dig out and rebuild after the devastating storm.

Christ that cannot be overlooked. Thinking on this we began to wonder, "Do Southern Baptists need such units?"

Would it not be well to have such, ready to move into any area in America where disaster strikes, to minister in the name of Jesus Christ and Southern Baptists, to the needs of people in distress?

Such units would be staffed by well trained personnel, ready to move in, and knowing what to do. Southern Baptists could work through them in meeting the emergency needs of an area. They would be able to communicate with Baptists to tell them what was needed, and how to help. This would mean so much, for many of us often want to do something, but simply do not know what to do.

We suggest that the Home Mission Board, which appears to be the logical agency to provide such a ministry, consider this type of work. We believe that God would be glorified, and the gospel message extended, as we ministered in disaster areas in the time of great need.

We salute others for doing it. We think that Southern Baptists may need to consider it too.

Sources For Power

Some years ago I stood with a friend as the two of us overlooked the Thames River in London—broad enough and deep enough at that point to accommodate ocean-going steamers. The friend recalled a fact of which I had not thought until he mentioned it: that the Thames, broad and deep as it courses through London, if traced through the midlands and back to the Cotswold hills, would be found to have its source in seven little springs. Though a number of tributaries swell its volume, the actual origin, the source, can be found in those tangible springs.

Reverie - inclined as I am, I thought long in my hotel room later of this parallel: The life of every spiritually powerful Christian also has its power - source in some springs of spiritual power - springs of power available to all Christians; and the difference in the breadth and depth of their lives is determined largely by the faithfulness with which Christians permit these springs of spiritual power to flow into their lives.

What Are These Springs?

Some of the springs of spiritual power available to all Christians are these:

1. A meaningful daily devotional period, in which God's Word is permitted to drop into the Christian's heart, illuminated and cultivated by the Holy Spirit... a period in which the Christian communes fully, frankly, unhurriedly with God in the experience of prayer... a period in which the Christian has a time to be still, not reading or talking, but just

listening for the still small voice of God in his heart. More than any other of the sources of spiritual power, this source is most fruitful.

2. An honest, life-wide recognition of the Lordship of Christ. Partial, limited, erratic recognition of the priority of Christ in our lives will make of us inconsistent, unstable Christians. His total control or our lives will energize us with strength that multiplies us to great power.

3. Good rapport with God and with fellow-man... living in harmony with God's will for our lives, walking in harmony with our fellow-men, maintaining a consistent obedience to God's will for our lives, making Christian love, forgiveness, restitution, and reconciliation the hallmarks of our lives.

4. Fruitful, well-balanced church life... receiving the spiritual strength of the program of the church, giving the maximum of ourselves to the great mission of the church, sharing with non-Christian and non-church friends the joy of knowing Christ and his church.

THESE ARE NOT ALL OF THE SOURCES OF SPIRITUAL POWER, BUT RE-THINK THE LIVES OF GREAT CHRISTIANS YOU KNOW AND YOU WILL FIND THAT MUCH OF THEIR POWER CAME FROM THESE SOURCES. If Your Life A Spiritual Trickle Or A Stream Of Spiritual Power - Board, Deep Moving, Accomplishing?

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THE BAPTIST FORUM

G. C. Hodge's Suffer Little Loss

Dear Dr. Odle

In the Daily Herald Saturday someone who could not reach us requested anyone knowing of our welfare to report to Operation Query.

Many of our friends have been unable to reach us by phone because during the days we have been assisting others who lost all of their earthly possessions. It is impossible for one to imagine the destruction of homes, churches and places of business along the Coast.

The only loss we sustained was our television antenna and hundreds of limbs from our pecan trees.

There was not the slightest damage to any part of our house, car or boat. We shall forever be grateful to our Lord for this.

Sincerely
G. C. Hodge

Suggests Wider Use Of "Live Wire" Party Planners

"Baptists don't believe in dancing." What an appalling statement! Why, that expression is "way out." It went out with the knee-length skirts. Actually, though, there has never been a statement such as that written in our Baptist doctrine. But a majority of the Baptist preachers have preached against dancing and so people have been inclined to use that expression.

But to most Baptists today that statement is a "has-been." They are conforming to the way of the world and "giving in" to the teen set. Even preachers and Baptist leaders are letting their children go along with the crowd so that their children will not be considered different or will not be rebellious because of strict parents.

So many of our young people are being thrown together at dances, not because they really want to, but because they don't want to be different. No wonder our morals have declined in recent years. More parents and Christian leaders are conforming to the modern way of life.

What is happening to this generation of Baptists? Are we changing our philosophy of life just because the world is so different today? Maybe that's why the world has changed. The strong leaders are getting weaker and "falling down" under the strain of world laxity. Preachers refuse to mention the word "dance" in the pulpit today because of fear of losing the respect and admiration they might have of the young people.

Something needs to be done to show the young people that they can have fun at parties without having to put on a record and get in each other's arms.

The Baptist magazines have ideas en masse for parties of different types. It just takes a leader to get things going in the right way to make the party a success.

having a good time. That is a talent very few have. Some groups of parents in every town or city would pay someone to do just that. There are groups of parents or organizations who pay hands to play at dances.

If some names could be sent in to the paper each week, then the people interested could contact these "entertainers" when they need someone for a party. Not every community has someone who can really make a party "go over big."

Name withheld by request.

Convention Date Needs Reconsideration

Dear Dr. Odle:

In reading your editorial concerning the problem of the Convention services and the largeness of them; and, also in reading much of the other discussion of the same issue, it seemed to me that one part had been overlooked. That is, that a change in the time of the convention would help to limit the size of the convention. The convention voted to change the time from May until June, and it seemed to me that at least part of the increased size of the number of messengers was due to the fact that so many of the families of the messengers were present and that the nearly 17,000 messengers included wives and children. Now, of course, I am for them attending the convention and I am not speaking against that; but when we were having it in May, there was a natural limitation of the messengers.

On the poll, the convention again expressed itself this year as being in favor of the June date, but I wonder if maybe upon the advice of some committee such as the Executive Committee, the convention might see differently.

Yours sincerely,
Paul Harwood, Pastor
Lyon Baptist Church
Lyon, Mississippi

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Participants Report On Crusade In Montana

A Letter From A Montana Layman

L. Gordon Sansing, Jackson, at Emmanuel, Billings
It was my privilege to work with the Emmanuel Baptist Church and Pastor Cecil Osborne of Billings in the Montana Crusade of the Americas. I spoke at the Associational Rally in a local stadium on Saturday night. The first revival service was on Sunday morning, July 20.

We were blessed by having the Youth Choir from the First Baptist Church of Kosciusko and their Music Director, Farley Earnest, to lead the song service and render special music. This choir of 25 and the adult sponsors were a great help in every phase of the revival.

Attendance for the services was fair. The total statistical results were encouraging — twelve professions of faith, thirty on rededication of life and three who surrendered for full-time Christian service.

The work is difficult in these pioneer areas. My prayer is that the Emmanuel Church, located in a lovely residential section of beautiful Billings, will go from strength to strength in their opportunity. It was an unforgettable privilege to serve with them.

Claude Townsend, Florence, at Five Associations, 15 Churches
Rev. Leroy Smith and I drove 2500 miles and visited all five associations and fifteen churches and missions. I gave my testimony in a different church each night. One of the great needs in Montana is for more pastors. Because of the limited number of preachers, one out of every five pastors in Montana is a layman. There are ten more trained, qualified laymen in Montana ready to pastor missions as soon as they can be started. This is another great need that Mississippi Baptists can help meet.

The summer missionaries in Montana from Mississippi are simply marvelous, encouraging and inspiring because of their dedication and vitality. The laymen have been invited back for a laymen's crusade October 7-11, 1970.

Bob Maddux, Pelahatchie, at Libby

This mountain town of 4500 is in northwestern Montana, in the midst of a prime hunting and fishing area. A huge lumber mill is its principal permanent industry, but the American and Canadian governments are currently constructing a \$500 million dam on the Kootenai River 17 miles up the valley and this activity has almost doubled the population in the last three years, creating many trailer parks.

The eight-day crusade proved to be a blessed experience to my wife and me. This was our first participation in pioneer mission work as well as our first trip to the Northwest. We gained a new appreciation for those of our brethren (both laymen and pastors) who served daily in pioneer areas in the face of oftentimes difficult and discouraging odds and we have a deeper appreciation now for Mississippi Baptists who have supported the work there for several years with money and men unlike any other state convention. Two of my Mississippi laymen who went from the Crusade, Thad Hawkins, and Dr. Eugene Cain and his wife, of Jackson, shared their inspirational testimonies with the people at Libby on two nights.

The week's effort was greatly strengthened by Gary and Barbara Anglin, Mississippians currently doing graduate work in Texas, who were superb in music and youth work. Norman McMahan, a veteran of pioneer missions, has served as interim pastor at Libby since mid-June and he labored long and hard in behalf of the week's purpose. My wife, Billie Faye, played the piano for each of the eleven services and had 23 Beginners and Primaries in Storytime and children's choir each night.

The Southern Baptist Church of Libby, Montana, is six years old and has 47 resident members. High attendance was 63, with an average of 54. There were five public decisions — four rededications and one profession of faith—all by teenagers, who make up one-third of the membership.

There are twelve other churches in the town, but none number more than 100 in Sunday school attendance. The need of a strong, evangelical, Biblical witness is great. The harvesting of souls is not proving easy and automatic, as is increasingly true throughout our society, but many of our brothers and sisters in Christ in Montana are serving our Lord in seeking others who might be saved. They need our continual spiritual and material support.

Paul R. Jakes, Clinton, at Wolf Point

Wolf Point, a town of 4,000 population, has eleven churches (and 17 bars). The Baptist church is one of the smallest, but is growing under the leadership of the pastor, Kirby R. Fletcher. Pete Fast, of Houston Texas, led the singing, assisted by his wife and daughter.

Starting with 23 in Sunday School and 32 in worship service, the attendance built to a high of 101 with an average of 70 per service. The pastor stated this was a record revival attendance and would enhance the reputation of the church. Visible results included two professions of faith, one for special service and several rededications.

As the result of the Crusade I returned with several convictions:

1. We need to send men to pastor churches.
2. The churches need a nucleus of dedicated, stable and trained Christians. Some of our people, especially school teachers, might consider migration.
3. Some of the members are concerned enough to travel great distances to attend the services. One family living 30 miles from Wolf Point attended every service. A young man drove 88 miles each night.
4. We need to help finance the work. Buildings are needed. The average salary paid the pastors is \$3,600.00. Rev. Kirby Fletcher proudly showed me two suits given by Mississippi Baptists.
5. We need to strengthen our own members. Some of them move to new areas and do nothing to help the local church.
6. We need to pray for the churches of Montana.

Robert B. Barnes, Poplarville, at Easthaven, Kalispell

I had my own ideas about what kind of reception I would get from the people, but these notions did not prepare me for the warmth of their greeting, their responsiveness to our presence and preaching, their sense of dedication, and their gratitude for our coming. The graciousness of their pastor should have prepared me adequately. They were generous in spirit and in sharing of themselves and theirs. (One dear lady even gave us some Georgia Brunswick stew!)

Their building and grounds were lovely and reflected their sense of the worth of God. They sang well and much.

If you sense that I am enthused about this people and their witness for our Lord, you sense correctly. My trip was cut short, but the Lord willing, I will go back (even if I get airsick again) and be blessed as I try to be a blessing.

Robert L. Compere, Florence, in Several Churches

I found the people everywhere to be friendly and appreciative of our efforts. I believe the pastors and members of every church I visited in Montana appreciate the cooperation the Baptists of Mississippi are giving them. The work is slow, the membership small, but the members seem very devoted to their churches.

To me, what seems to be the greatest need, beside financial help, is for Baptist families to move into that area to work and help in their churches. There seem to be good economic opportunities there. Young pastors, who would like to teach in the public schools and pastor a church, can find the field open. I came back feeling like the field is wide open for any one who is willing to work.

Robert C. Cannon, Horn Lake, at Sioux Indian Reservation

One of my deacons, Ernest Shelton, and I participated in the Montana Crusade at our own expense and with great delight. I assisted Rev. Oliver W. Marson, pastor of First Church, Poplar, Montana, and deacon Shelton conducted services at a mission of the First Church at Brocton, Montana, situated in the heart of the Sioux Indian Reservation.

This reservation is forty miles wide and eighty miles long with a population of some four thousand people. Marson is missionary to the Indians, under the Home Mission Board.

On Sunday night at the close of the service, the good Indian ladies presented each of us three preachers with a beautiful Star Quilt, signifying that we had been accepted into the Sioux tribe. Their response to the challenge of the gospel was indeed heartening but none were received for baptism.

I am convinced that rapid progress of the work among the Indians cannot be made until we find leaders among their own people who are trained and dedicated to the task. Integration with the whites does not seem to work favorably in their churches. They still look upon the whites with suspicion and their morals are at a low ebb. Many of their girls become mothers in their early teens. However, I believe our best approach in evangelizing our American Indians is through the children. Our college students who sing and play instruments, who teach the Bible and tell character stories, and who work through Vacation Bible School can make a great contribution for the cause of Christ among them.

Dear Dr. Odle:

At the breakfast meeting in Townsend you requested that anyone who wished to write and tell you what he thought the Baptists of the State of Montana needed most to do so in the near future. That is the purpose of this letter.

The paramount need of Baptists witnessing in Montana is for more dedicated Baptist Christians to move to Montana and make their homes in this state. Continued support in prayer and money are helpful, but if the Christian witnesses of Baptists is to be strong in the near future in Montana more Christians are needed in our churches.

Witnessing by all Christian denominations does not reach over 60% of the people in Montana according to a recent estimate by a leading pastor of another denomination. This leaves a vast number of people unreached by any Christian witness.

The growth of Baptist churches in this state is not as rapid as had been hoped. There are few self-supporting churches in the state. Baptists who have been converted in Montana are not as strong in Christian out-reach or living in general as Baptists who have been reared in churches in the South. There is a growth period that takes years. If this growth is to be accelerated it is almost essential that more dedicated laymen and preachers come to Montana to make their living.

Opportunities in this state are as great or greater than those in the South. The states in the Northern Plains Baptist Convention are the states which have large land areas, vast amounts of mineral resources, and low population density.

Some of the areas in which shortages of manpower exist in this area are as follows:

1. Elementary school teachers
2. Doctors
3. Dentists
4. Mechanics
5. Qualified salesmen
6. College professors
7. Architects
8. Accountants
9. Craftsmen of various kinds
10. Nurses
11. Business men
12. Construction workers and heavy equipment operators.

These are only general broad areas listed above but many specialties could probably be used to good advantage in many parts of Montana. As in any other state, Montana's particular needs are geared mainly to people with college educations. However, people without college educations, but with some specific skills or talents, can also make a good living in Montana.

As Mr. Leroy Smith, Montana Area Missionary, pointed out at the breakfast in Townsend, Baptist churches can use many ministerial students to serve as interim pastors of missions. They can also serve to establish new preaching points missions where no Baptist work is presently being carried on. There is a need for students who can help in young peoples work in practically every church in Montana. There is a vital need for music leaders and Sunday School teachers. College age people could fill these positions and be a great influence on the young people of the community.

Educational standards are equal to that of any other part of the nation so that these people can be assured of receiving a quality education from colleges in Montana. Probably 200 young people could be profitably used within the next year if they were available to the churches. It would do no harm if some of these young people were campus leaders and athletes where they could be effective as a witness in the campus.

Mr. Leroy Smith, pastors and laymen in the various churches in Montana would be happy to help prospective Baptists find jobs in this state if someone is interested in the immediate future, I would be pleased to correspond with them about the possibilities for their particular profession or craft.

(Mr. Warren is a former Mississippian who is head of the Division of Petroleum Engineering at the University at Butte. — Ed.)

Yours very truly,
Herbert Warren
Butte, Montana

Brooks Lindsey, Plantersville, at Belle Creek

My wife and I were assigned to work eight days with our Baptist Mission located in the oil boom town of Belle Creek located in the unsettled southeast corner of Montana. The town has a population of over 500 with plans for 4500 more people as more oil wells are being drilled. The town does not have a church of any kind and favors only the community type church. We found the work different and difficult but deeply rewarding in Belle Creek.

The mission was started two years ago by one family meeting in an abandoned oil tank in weather 27 below zero (with NO HEAT!) Today the mission has five adults and a dozen children and meet in a trailer chapel provided by mission gifts from our church at Plantersville. The community is polite but un-concerned about their personal relationship to Jesus Christ. Their primary concern is in making money. The monthly income realized by the 22 oil companies operating over 400 wells is well over \$1/2 million dollars.

The most discouraging factor in the work at Belle Creek is the fact that there are over 90 Southern Baptist church members living in Belle Creek. These people are uncommitted and unconcerned over spiritual matters. Few have ever attended the mission services and much of the pressure upon the mission comes from those people.

As a pastor I was challenged to return home and seek to strengthen our own people in the total commitment to Christ of the leaders there. Would you ladies like to have to travel 100 miles to buy groceries? Would you men leave a job paying \$2000.00 a month to accept the same kind of job paying \$800.00 a month just to start a mission? Would you like it if your kids are made fun of at school because they were "Southern Baptists"? This is a small part of what the Jackie Thomason family has done for the sake of the Gospel of Christ. The Lord blessed us with two professions of faith, 2 for membership by transfer of letter and several rededications.

Clarence Cutrell, Jackson, at Helena

The building of Calvary Baptist Church nestles unobtrusively near the foot of lovely Mt. Helena. However, the cross, which serves as a steeple on the attractive building, commands the attention of the passers-by.

Even so, the work of Southern Baptists, little known in this section of the country, is struggling to get a foothold among the people of this vast state. They are about as rugged as their mountains and as hardy as the stock which graze in the lush valleys and on the mountain sides. And at times it seems that they are completely indifferent to the good news which we are trying to share with them.

But a voice we do have in their midst. A voice that is consistent, dedicated and concerned. It is heard through the life and witness of able pastors and capable wives such as Bill and Jo Moore, who serve at Calvary.

This young couple from Missouri, now living near the headwaters of the Missouri River, are in love with Montana and her people. Their work is slow and discouraging but they are intent upon giving as many of their years here as God will permit. Their aggressive spirit is seen in the fact that this church, though small and struggling itself, sponsors the East Helena Baptist Mission. Tom and Martha Hocutt, new seminary graduates, have just moved to this mission field. They are absolutely on faith and deserve a large place in our prayers.

A literally "mountain top" experience crowned our week with Calvary Church. Forty-five of us gathered in a government park on the Continental Divide almost 7,000 feet above sea-level. There we played, ate and worshiped together. It was rich, rewarding fellowship which made a lasting impression upon my heart.



Dr. Soren Visits Brazil's Baptist Museum

DR. JOAO FILSON SOREN (right), President of South Brazil Baptist Theological Seminary, Rio de Janeiro, examines the portable organ used by Pioneer Missionary Solomon Ginsburg—"Wandering Jew in Brazil"—as he conducted open-air evangelistic services in the country. With Dr. Soren is Professor Oswaldo Ronis, who keeps the Baptist Museum, where the organ is on display. The museum, located on the seminary campus, is in its beginning stages. The organ is one of several items which have been donated. Mr. Ginsburg, born in Poland to a Jewish rabbi, educated in Germany, and converted to Christianity in England, served in Brazil under the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board from 1922 until his death in 1927.

Vacation Bible Schools With Indians

The Shelby, Montana church sponsored two Vacation Bible Schools beside the one in their church. With a group of college students under the direction of Rev. Dan Yeary from First, Lubbock, they held a Bible School in the resort town of East Glacier and another one at Browning.

At East Glacier, they enrolled 14 children, 3 Indians, and had a good school in spite of constant rainfall.

They report, "The school at Browning is something else! We enrolled 161 in that school, almost all of them Blackfeet Indian children. Browning is the capital of the Blackfeet Indian of which there are 13,000 in Montana and Canada.

Before our going to Browning, the people told us we wouldn't get very many to come. The first day we enrolled 47; 96 the second; 125 the third; 152 the fourth; and 161 the fifth day of school. They came by droves. My van carried 33 children from home to the Masonic Lodge Building and back home.

The Lord just opened doors never before opened. We got a room for one week with 2 double beds—FREE. The Lodge hall cost us—NOTHING. For the first time ever—the "Blood" Blackfoot was reached by some evangelicals. We had a number of "Breeds" but we also had a number of "Bloods" which is the original Blackfoot descendant without mixture of any other kind of blood but Blackfoot in them.

The team was given a royal departure as the children placed beads on them before they left.

What we need now DESPERATELY, God knows, is someone to work with this great open door to the Blackfeet. No one is working with them. Someone is called of God to go, is it you or me? We need a worker there now while the door is open. The day may come when the door will shut never to open again.

Pastor Reports From Calvary, Helena

The influence of the laymen we had was tremendous, even though we had only one to speak at Calvary. Dr. Eugene Cain and his wife, Helen (Jackson), blessed our church on Sunday morning the 20th. Since our evangelist had not arrived, I turned the morning service over to him and he spoke after Helen had given us a medley of songs. Thad Harkins, (Jackson), while not speaking in our church, did stay in our home and the fellowship with these three was such a blessing. Here were three people that were concerned, interested and could discuss the things of God. How it lifted our spirits!

On Monday, the 21st, our evangelist and song leader arrived. Rev. Clarence Cutrell and Dan Hall. We had never met these two men before, but we couldn't have pre-ordered a better pair of men for our church. Brother Cutrell can very ably and clearly open up the meanings of the Word of God to the edification of the listeners. Brother Dan Hall led the music in such a refreshing way that every song service was truly a rich, heavenly blessing.

The spirit of these two was tops. No matter what happened or how things went, they were patient ambassadors for the Lord and true representatives for Mississippi Baptists.

Our attendance was not the best. There could be a lot of reasons for this, some reasonable and some not. We had one person join by letter and on one evening, all present came forward in support of the revival effort. Every service was an evidence of a warm, wonderful spirit. On Sunday afternoon we went to the Odd Fellows Home where we go for a service once a month. Brother Cutrell spoke from his heart and Brother Hall's music leading and singing was just like there were a thousand present instead of four ladies. Dan sang a special with one of the elderly women as he knelt beside her chair. We were in the presence of men of great spirit!

We closed out our services on Sunday evening on top of the Continental Divide with recreation (You should see Clarence play volleyball!), a pot luck supper (You should see Dan eat!), Training Union and Evening Service in a cathedral-like atmosphere of pine trees, mountains and the presence of God's Spirit.

We want to thank all those in Mississippi who helped by praying, giving, sending; for radio advertising and TV presentations; and those who came personally. Thank you for your concern and interest in the Lord's work here in Montana.

Leon Young, Meridian, at Butte

"The West is big," so said Dr. W. C. Fields in a mission study book several years ago. The West is big geographically as I learned traveling both to and in Montana and the West is big in vision and dedication—that was my impression from contacts I had with the pastors and people of the Montana Baptist Fellowship.

I preached in the Floral Park Church in Butte. Bill Benson of Temple Church in Hattiesburg did an excellent job leading the singing. Visible results were the return to the church of some of its members who have been absent for more than a year. The church is pastorless and has been since last May. They were not really prepared for revival — the church does have a good potential for growth though if a well trained, experienced pastor can be found. The people who are attending the church are faithful and dedicated people ready to do the Lord's work. A good leadership potential seemed evident. The church is fourteen years old, it has an adequate plant that is well equipped and well located in the city. Its pastor's home though old is large and seemingly comfortable.

On Tuesday and Thursday mornings of the crusade we met with pastors and some of the laymen of the Treasure State Association for a fellowship breakfast. These meetings were held in Whitehall and Townsend. It was here that I was impressed with the dedication to the Lord and vision of the leadership of the Montana Baptist Fellowship. Though Baptists are yet just beginning in Montana the leadership there have plans for putting Baptist work wherever people can be reached for Christ in that state.

Leo Barker, Noxapater, at Sidney

It was a privilege to share in this work with Brother Robert Kerby and his family in the Sidney Mission of Sidney, Montana during their Crusade of the Americas revival. Though there were few expressed decisions, there were some that will greatly bless the mission and the individuals who found the Lord or His will for their lives.

Sidney is a town of 6,000 people with little industry except a power plant and a sugar processing plant. It is surrounded by a farming area where sugar beets and wheat are the chief crops. The spiritual atmosphere is one of unbelievable indifference even though there are several churches there, the strongest of which are the Lutheran and Congregational. Brother and Mrs. Kerby moved to Sidney three years ago to work with one other Baptist family in starting the mission which is sponsored by the church at Glendive, about 60 miles away. Though the progress seems slow they are moving. Their great need now is a building. They need our help in meeting this challenge.

Billy Guest, Delta City, at Bridger

On my arrival at Bridger, Rev. Pat Taylor welcomed me into his home. In our revival we had eight decisions, four by letter, three on faith in Christ as Savior, and one for fulltime service for the Lord. We personally made about 200 contacts beside the ones made by the layman who worked with me.

The greatest problem we had was this. All the people there said the mission would never stand because they have no church building. We preached in the City Hall. Let us pray that Baptists will start a church there.

Wilson Winstead, Jackson, at Immanuel, Havre

The Immanuel Baptist Church is located in Havre, Montana, a city of about 14,000. This church was begun as an Indian Mission work. The Rocky Boy Reservation is located just south of the city. The present pastor is Rev. Harold Reiney who serves as Missionary to the Indians under appointment of the Home Mission Board.

The church two years ago had only twelve resident members, now increased to forty. The Indian members are the minority group while the majority of the membership comes from families that are stationed at the nearby Air Force Radar Base. The membership of the church covers a very wide spectrum from the very lowest intellectual level to a college professor and his family.

The results of the Crusade were rewarding. There was an average attendance of forty-three for all the services. There were fifteen rededications, one surrender for full time Christian service, and one that had previously made a profession of faith that came for baptism. There was the opportunity of witnessing to others that will most likely result in additional decisions later.

The membership of this church financed the trip for the pastor and his wife and made it possible for them to serve the Lord and the Immanuel Church in the Crusade in Montana.

(Other Reports will appear in a later issue)



Goodwater Attains Merit Recognition

Goodwater Church, Simpson Association, is typical of more than 130 Mississippi Baptist churches which this year have already attained Merit Recognition in the use of the Training Union Achievement Guide. Pictured here at the presentation of the certificate recognizing this achievement are pastor Daniel West, Training Union director Mrs. Nelda Ham, and associational Training Union director V. J. Runnels. Nineteen churches have reached the second level of achievement, Advanced Recognition, and three churches have received the highest designation possible, that of Distinguished Recognition.



Pearl Church Earns Recognition

Pearl Baptist Church, Rankin Association, has become the second church in Mississippi to earn Distinguished Recognition in the use of the Training Union Achievement Guide for this year. According to Pastor Carl E. Talbert, this has been achieved with much work and good cooperation on the part of all the officers and members but special credit goes to those who are pictured above. Leading the Training Program for this year are (from left to right) Mrs. C. C. Porch, general secretary, D. H. Robbins, Training Union Director, Pastor Talbert, Mrs. T. W. Henderson, Associate Director, and Elmer Lowrey, Minister of Music and Youth. To date 134 churches have earned Merit Recognition, 20 have received Advanced Recognition, and three have earned Distinguished Recognition.



Hospital Buys Lung Analyzer

NEW LUNG ANALYZER is inspected by (from left) William Milliken, of the Inhalation Therapy Department at Mississippi Baptist Hospital; Miss Frances Parker and Harold Mustin, executive secretary and treasurer, respectively, of the Hinds County Tuberculosis and Respiratory Disease Association, which aided in the purchase of the analyzer.

In Answer To A Challenge At Enon -

30 Young People, 9 Adults Go To Ridgecrest; Pastor, Wife Surrender For Foreign Missions

Twenty-eight young people from Enon Church near Jayess, accepted the June, 1968, challenge from their pastor, Rev. Bendon Ginn, "to earn the necessary money for attending the 1969, Foreign Mission Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, Ridgecrest, N. C."

The first thing the youth did was to elect officers for the trip: Kathy Boyd, president; Betty Kennedy, project chairman; and Devon Cothorn,

treasurer. Counselors were: Mr. & Mrs. Welton Cothorn; Mr. & Mrs. Don Boyd; & Rev. & Mrs. Bendon Ginn, Mr. & Mrs. Travis Marbury; & Mrs. Hilton Martin.

Having deposited over \$3100 in their Youth Fund through devoted, diligent, and dedicated effort for 12 consecutive months, 30 young people and 9 adults left Enon on July 2, 1969, on a chartered Arrow Coach Bus, bound for Ridgecrest.

The group traveled via Meridian, Birmingham, and Chattanooga enroute to Ridgecrest, while stopping at various points of interest such as Lookout Mountain.

The group arrived at Ridgecrest the next day at 5:50 p. m., just in time for the first conference meal. The Enon group was among 2800 people registered for the Foreign Mission Week. Over 150 Southern Baptist foreign missionaries were present for the conference.

A week of inspiration, information, and recreation was enjoyed by the group. Among those committee their lives to special service during the Sunday morning commitment service at Ridgecrest, were 11 from Enon including Rev. & Mrs. Ginn, for foreign mission service.

On Wednesday, July 9, the conference ended with the noon meal. So the Enon Group boarded their chartered bus and started for home. Enroute home, they traveled by way of Greenville, S. C., and Atlanta, Georgia. Driving almost straight through, the group arrived back at Enon on July 10, about 8 a. m.

In the words of the pastor, "we had a 'high mountain' to climb by way of a challenge, but with God's help and hard work, we climbed it. The value of this trip in the lives of some of those who attended will always prove that this trip was worth while in every respect."

Ole Miss BSU

Sets Fall Retreat

The Ole Miss BSU will hold its annual Fall Retreat September 12-14 at Camp Lake Stephens, near Oxford. The theme of the retreat is "Search for Identity."

Discussion will be led by Dr. James L. Henderson, director of the Student Counseling Center at the University, and Miss Neil Magee of the SSB Student Department of Nashville.

Rev. David Hicks, BSU director, said "The purpose of the retreat is to examine the Christian personality, to help students as they try to establish their own identity in the world. We will be dealing with such problems as sexual identity, identity in a career, personality crutches, and maintaining personal integrity under pressures for conformity. We in the BSU want to help people find their thing and do it."

Total cost of the retreat, which will begin with supper Friday and end Sunday afternoon, will be \$12 per person. Information will be available in the Coliseum during registration, and at the BSU office, 202 "Y" Building.

Cornell Goerner

Loses Brother

Fred S. Goerner, 53, brother of Dr. H. Cornell Goerner, died August 19 in Houston, Tex. Cornell Goerner is secretary for Africa for the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

Funeral will be Thursday morning at the George Lewis Funeral Home in Houston. Burial will be Thursday afternoon in the Austin (Tex.) Memorial Cemetery.

286 Make Decisions At Ridgecrest Mission Week

RIDGECREST, N. C. — Two hundred eighty-six persons responded publicly to invitations to Christian life and work commitments during the Foreign Missions Conference at Ridgecrest Baptist Assembly, July 3-9.

Of those making decisions, 12 professed faith in Christ, 60 rededicated their lives, 74 said they want to pursue church related vocations, and 140 expressed interest in vocational mission work.

The conference, sponsored by the Foreign Mission Board, was directed by Dr. Rogers M. Smith, administrative associate to the executive secretary. Registration was 2,711, an increase of 289 over 1968. A similar conference, including a meeting of the full 60-member Board and an appointment service for new missionaries, will be held at Glorieta (N. Mex.) Baptist Assembly, August 14-20.

A new feature of the conference this year was "Studio C (for Care)," which pointed up the necessity of concern for people and their problems, both at home and abroad. "Studio C" used a radio program format in daily sessions of contemporary music and taped and live presentations. Dr. Jesse C. Fletcher, director of the Board's mission support division, was in charge.

In one session three representatives of Ravensworth Baptist Church, Annandale, Va., near Washington, D. C., described ways their church tries to minister to the people in its suburban surroundings, underprivileged children in a poverty pocket 15 miles south, and a Negro congregation in Washington.

Dyal Named Peace Corps Director For Nine Nations

WASHINGTON (BP)—William M. Dyal Jr., former director of organization for the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission and more recently director of the Peace Corps for Colombia, has been appointed Peace Corps regional director for North Africa, the Near East and South Asia.

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God Grants Israel A King

Judas: From Trust To Treachery

By Clinton J. Allen
1 Samuel 8:12; 13:14; 18:5, 12; 28; 31:1-7

The beginning of the monarchy was an important point in the history of Israel. The disunity and chaos of the period of the judges showed the need for a central government if the several tribes were to become a nation of strength. While there were serious perils incident to the change from a theocracy to a monarchy, this course was not an unnatural development when looked at from the viewpoint of God's overarching purpose and the future mission of his people. Under God's leadership, Samuel anointed Saul as Israel's first king. At first Saul showed great promise. But soon impatience, rashness, self-will, and pride showed his unfitness for the kingship, so that God rejected him and led Samuel to anoint David. The first king was a disappointment.

The Lesson Explained DESIRE FOR A KING (8:4-7)

The plea for a king needs to be understood in the light of many factors. The elders of Israel knew that Samuel's leadership, because of his age, was drawing to a close. His sons were utterly unfit to assume the role of leadership. Strong enemy nations surrounding Israel were a constant threat to oppression or destruction. The people felt a greater degree of security in a visible earthly leader than in the invisible presence of God. Two reasons, chiefly, explained the request of the elders to Samuel: they distrusted Samuel's sons, and they wanted to be like other nations. God instructed Samuel to grant their request.

GOD'S CHOICE OF SAUL (9:27 to 10:1)

These brief verses sum up a number of preceding events. In the province of God, Saul, a strong and handsome young man of the tribe of Benjamin, came to Samuel, known

as "the seer," to get help in finding his father's asses. Already Samuel had had an impression from the Lord that he would point out a man from the tribe of Benjamin to become king. When Saul came to Samuel, Samuel felt certain that Saul was God's chosen man to become king. Samuel showed hospitality to Saul and then privately anointed him and declared to him that God had chosen him to become prince of Israel and the person by whom God would deliver his people from their enemies. Samuel assured Saul of special signs to confirm God's purpose for him.

Our larger background passage tells of the public anointing of Saul at Mizpah and the inauguration of the kingdom. Samuel took advantage of the occasion to deliver a sort of inaugural address. He set forth "the manner of the kingdom," explaining its nature and limitation and, no doubt, challenging the king to rule in the fear of the Lord.

SUCCESS AND FAILURE (12:19-22; 18:8-9)

In a sort of farewell address, Samuel delivered a charge to Israel in which he reviewed his integrity as their leader, reviewed God's dealings with the Israelites in bringing them out of Egypt and establishing them in the land of Canaan, and charged the people to be faithful to their covenant commitment to the Lord. Subsequent chapters in 1 Samuel tell of Saul's exploits as a king. He began well. But he lacked equipment for spiritual leadership. Following David's victory over Goliath and the routing of the Philistine army, the public praise of David aroused Saul's envy and jealousy, and he attempted to kill David. The unfolding record of Saul's reign shows how, though it began with bright success, it ended in tragic failure. Increasing moodiness, fear, envy, and indifference to God made Saul helpless to cope with the responsibility of ruling the nation.

Truths to Live By

A nation needs leaders of moral and spiritual stature. — The responsibilities are such that they require persons of extensive knowledge, sound judgment, mature experience, commitment to moral principle, and conviction about spiritual values. Government itself, though ordained of God, is no better than the persons who make its laws, operate its courts, administer its affairs, and spend its budget. A nation suffers tremendously when president or premier, legislator or judge, health officer or tax

John 12:3-6; Matt. 26:14-16, 47-50; 27:3-5

By Bill Duncan

Why did Jesus select Judas to be one of the twelve disciples? This is hard to explain. It is hard to explain a thief among the intimate associates of Jesus.



However, until his betrayal of Jesus the name Judas was a highly honored and respected name. The parents of Judas gave him the best possible training in the local synagogue. Their home gave him a good foundation in the Law and Custom of his day. Judas must have been well liked by the disciples because they made him treasurer of the band. It was his responsibility to pay group expenses and buy food for the poor and needy. Apparently Judas' corruption may have been a gradual thing. But little by little selfishness crowded out all of the good. At last he gave allegiance to Judas rather than Jesus. Then he took the funds entrusted to him as a thief.

Many have thought that Judas saw in Jesus one who would effect the

collector, substitutes lies for truth, political favor for sound principle, or personal gain for national interest. But the masses of the people must really want leaders of moral stature and spiritual idealism, and citizens must live by the same high principle.

The rule of God matters most. — The rule of God is a fact in that God controls the destinies of nations, he makes operative the law or moral cause and effect in all of life, and he holds nations accountable in the long course of history. Therefore, people who believe in God and recognize his authority and sovereignty ought to be concerned most of all for the nation's total life to come under the rule of God and to cause righteousness to spread in the earth.

God rejects persons who reject him. — God calls persons to Christian faith through repentance. If they refuse to hear his call, they are ultimately rejected in the sense of being refused admission to his kingdom. God calls persons to high places of service and invests them with spiritual opportunity and responsibility. But if they reject his authority and rebel against his principles, they are rejected as unfit to accomplish his purpose. One is accepted, not on the basis of appearance — for God looks on the heart. One must be willing to give priority and fidelity to the kingdom of God.

revolution that would rid the country of Roman rule, taxes, and oppression. When Jesus was slow about overcoming these needs, he thought he would force Jesus to defend himself and overthrow the government. However he was wrong.

He Was a thief John 12:3-6

Time was running out for Judas, John sheds light upon the character of Judas as nowhere else. Six days before Jesus was to be betrayed by Judas, He was in the home of Lazarus who was raised from the dead. Martha served a meal which was true to her character. Lazarus sat at the table with the Lord as host and also to be a trophy of His glory. Mary, true to character, expressed her love to Christ by anointing the feet of Jesus with a very expensive ointment. The gesture was a grateful compliment but the expense and emotion expressed Mary's love for Christ. Judas complained that the money could have been used in some better manner. John identifies Judas as the one that would betray the Lord. However this is written into the story after the betrayal, because none of the disciples knew until a few moments before Jesus was betrayed who would do it. And then many did not understand what Jesus meant. John also said that Judas pretended to be interested in the poor but really was a thief and wanted to get his hands on the money. Judas "bore" the bag. That is, he was in charge of the money that the disciples had.

What a contrast between Mary and Judas. One who gave so much and one who took so much.

"Now he that betrayed him"

Matt. 26:14-16, 47-50
Many people wanted Jesus killed but they feared the people. But Judas took the initiative and made a proposition based upon money to betray him. Some thought that Judas had other motives, but money is the pronounced incentive. What made the man change so much? Luke says Satan entered into Judas (RSV), Luke 22. He was greedy and jealous just like Satan. Traitors were just about as low of character as a man can be. It could have been that the money was only a down payment for more in the future.

The sign of betrayal was a kiss. How low! A sign of love, friendship, respect was used to point out Christ. It was a kiss of death not for Jesus but Judas. Jesus did not stay dead but Judas did. He wished he had never made the proposition when the end came. Regrets always come too late!

Matthew points out that it was one of the twelve that led the mob armed to arrest Jesus. It appeared they wanted a fight, but did not get one. Jesus gave His life. Jesus tried to face Judas with his horrible act when He said, "wherefore art thou come?" By this time Jesus knew fully what was going on. But did Judas? Later the end of Judas is a disgrace. But the resurrection of Jesus was His glory.

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Whereas, Mr. Wilds' life among us was an example of dedication a consecration to the Lord, and,

Whereas, he served in the church as deacon, Sunday School teacher, Training Union worker, Extension Superintendent, Missions Committee member, and, in many and varied other capacities which honored Christ and helped others, and,

Whereas, his example of faithfulness to his Lord in sustaining the worship of the church with his regular presence and support, and his example of prayerful concern for the whole life of the church added strength to it, and

Whereas, we shall miss his faithful presence among us, while at the same time rejoicing in the spiritual victory of his life, and,

Whereas, we join in offering thanks to the Saviour, whose grace makes such lives possible, therefore,

Be it resolved, that we, the deacons of the First Baptist Church, Oxford, Mississippi, do extend to Mrs. Auber J. Wilds and her daughters, Mrs. Amos Marston and Mrs. Quitman Winter, and to the other members of their families, our deep and sincere Christian sympathy and the assurance of our abiding gratitude to God for the life of our friend and brother, further,

Be it resolved, that a copy of this resolution be placed in the minutes of the deacons and of the church.

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Auca Missionaries

Make Contact

Native Auca missionary Kimo and two companions have successfully contacted a new savage section of their tribe. First reports of the potentially explosive first meeting indicate an openness to the preaching of the gospel.

The Ecuadorian Auca Indians who killed five American missionaries in 1956 have been given the Gospel in their own language, and one group of them are believers in Christ. But other primitive aucas still live in isolated pockets of jungle and are still occasionally killing their neighbors.

A report has just reached the headquarters of the Wycliffe Bible Translators that friendly contact has been established with a new wild Auca group. Rachel Saint, sister of pilot Nate Saint who was among those murdered in 1956, has translated portions of the New Testament for the aucas. Among her converts in Kimo, one of the men who killed her brother. Kimo and other tribesmen have been much concerned because one savage group was facing eminent conflict with oil company workers penetrating their neighborhood. They sensed that in order to prevent bloodshed and share the message of Christ they must establish contact immediately with their separated tribesmen, and possibly bring them to live in their own Christian village.

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PROGRAM

Saturday Morning
Estus Mason, Presiding

8:45—Registration
9:45—Song Service — Dan Hall
Announcements — E. L. Howell
Devotional — Bill Duncan
10:05—Mission Discussion Groups
Foreign Missions
Foy Rogers, Convenor
Home Missions
Thurman Bryant, Convenor
State Missions
J. Clark Hensley, Convenor
Children (Ages 6-11)
Paul Harrell, Convenor
Young People (Ages 12-17)
Lee Ferrell, Convenor
11:05—Message — Lewis Myers, Jr.
11:30—Free Time
12:00—Lunch

Saturday Afternoon
E. L. Howell, Presiding

1:10—Song Service — Dan Hall
1:15—Devotional — Al Finch
1:30—Panel Discussion
Paul Harrell, Convenor
Panel composed of all missionary personnel
2:30—Mission Discussion Groups
Foreign Mission
Foy Rogers, Convenor
Home Missions
Thurman Bryant, Convenor
State Missions
J. Clark Hensley, Convenor
Children (Ages 6-11)
Paul Harrell, Convenor
Young People (Ages 12-17)
Lee Ferrell, Convenor
3:15—Message — John McBride
3:50—Coffee Break
4:00—Song Service — Dan Hall
Message — W. Douglas Hudgins
5:15—Free Time
5:45—Supper

Sunday Morning

8:45—Song Service — Dan Hall
George Purvis, Presiding
Devotional — Louis Smith
7:05—Special Music — Dawn Gandy
7:15—"My Work as a Medical Volunteer in Eku, Nigeria"
(A visual aids presentation) — Joel Alvis
8:00—Special Music — Dawn Gandy
8:10—Message — Bryant Hicks
9:00—Adjourn
Sunday Morning
8:00—Breakfast
9:00—Song Service — Dan Hall
9:15—Bible Study — Paul Harrell
10:15—Song Service — Dan Hall
10:30—Morning Message — David Mayhall
11:15—Lunch

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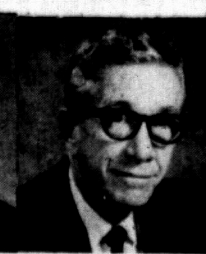
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"This Is My Father's World"

By John G. McCall, Pastor, First Church, Vicksburg, and President, Mississippi Baptist Convention

There are some tremendous truths which, when a man becomes possessed by them, can transform life and make it finer and nobler. Among those great truths, no other is more profound than the affirmation that this is God's world.

Throughout the Bible, in fascinating ways, God reassures us that this is indeed His world. But nowhere else is this grand truth more succinctly stated than in Psalm 24: "The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof."

Maltbie D. Babcock, the poet, was convinced of this truth when he wrote:

"This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears,
All nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.

This is my Father's world, I rest me in the thought
Of rocks and trees, of skies and seas;
His hands the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world. O! let me ne'er forget
That though the wrong seems oft so strong,
God is the Ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: The battle is not done;
Jesus who died shall be satisfied,
And earth and heaven be one."

John G. McCall

To any sensitive soul, it is obvious for many reasons that this is surely God's world. In the first place, He created it. It is He, moreover, who sustains the world. And supremely, God's word assures us that He is guiding the world toward the destiny that He has in mind for it.

However, it is not so much the proof that it is God's world as the implications of that truth that ought to concern us.

For example, when a man truly learns that this is God's world, a deep sense of humility will be the inevitable result. For the recognition of God's ownership of the world brings into sharp focus our ultimate and absolute dependence upon God.

Again, an awareness of great dignity will be our possession. For the grand truth is that God allows us to work with Him in the work that He continues to do in the world. Born a slave, with a brilliant scientific mind, Dr. George Washington Carver made invaluable contributions to the life of the world. But in it all he was overwhelmed by the fact that he was working in hand with God. Small wonder he possessed great dignity.

There will be humility and dignity, but there will be keen awareness of a man's stewardship to God for the way in which he lives and uses God's blessings. Life can never be trivial; rather it will be deep and profound, filled with a sense of responsibility to God. Just four days before his eighty-seventh birthday, famous violinist Fritz Kreisler died. A very remarkable man he was. He once said: "I was born with music in my system. It was a gift of providence. I did not acquire it... I never look upon the money I earn as my own. It is 'public money.' It is only a fund entrusted to my care for proper disbursement."

Above all, a deep sense of peace is the possession of the man who is committed to the truth of God's ownership. He is confident of God's ultimate victory, and knows he will have a part in that victory.

Thank God, this is His world.

Ellison Ridge Ordains Pastor Of Shiloh Church

Paul Wayne Bryant was ordained to the Gospel ministry by the Ellison Ridge Baptist Church, Louisville, August 17, with the pastor, Rev. J. A. Bryant, father of Paul, officiating.

Mr. Bryant, a graduate of the Louisville High School and planning to enter Clarke College in September

is now pastor of Shiloh Baptist Church in Winston County.

Those assisting in the ordination services included: Rev. W. B. Abel who led in questioning; Rev. E. S. Hall who gave charge to church, candidate and preached the sermon; Rev. Harold Kenneth Cheek who led in the ordination prayer; C. W. Woodruff, deacon, Ellison Ridge presentation of the Bible. Four pastors and eight deacons formed the ordination council. Moderator, Rev. J. A. Bryant, Clerk, Rev. E. S. Hall.



Coleman Speaks To Senatobia Brotherhood

Dr. Lucien Coleman, (Center) recently retired as associate in the Baptist Brotherhood, Memphis, was a recent speaker at the Brotherhood of First Baptist Church, Senatobia. Also shown in photo are Dr. Howard Carpenter, Senatobia, (left) and Dr. John Flowers, pastor.



Cason Constructs New Building

Cason Church, in Monroe County, dedicated their new church building Sunday, July 10. Dr. Joe T. Odle, editor of the Baptist Record, delivered the dedication message. A reception was held in the fellowship hall of the church.

Rev. Arthur D'Hallecourt has served as pastor of the church since February of 1964. "This is a growing community and the future of this church is bright," he states.

Cason Church was organized Sunday, Aug. 5, 1945.

The church members met in the old Cason School until 1946 when a new building was constructed on the present site. For the past 23 years the small building has served fairly adequately with the addition of a fellow-

ship hall and several small renovations.

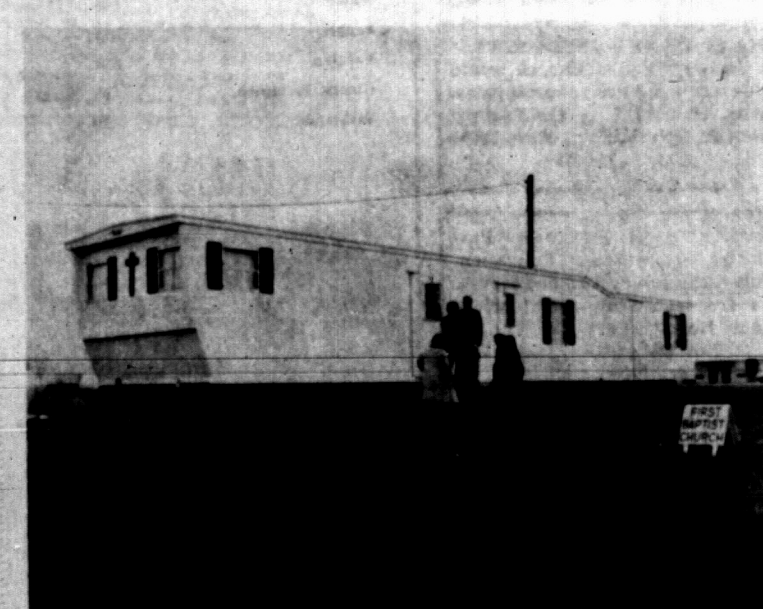
Plans were formulated in 1966 for construction of a new building on the same site. Serving on the building committee were the deacons, Doug Potter, Albert Riley, Oliver Jones, Dave Parchman, Bobby Laney, Hill Manuel, and Hurston Carter, and the laymen, Charles Blake, Buddy Hester, Herschel Hood, and Elvie Bunch. Chairman of the building committee was pastor D'Hallecourt.

Constructed of red brick, the \$40,000 building measures 40' x 94' with 40' x 24' partitioned off for a fellowship hall and educational unit combination. The auditorium has a seating capacity of 300.



Gaston Booneville, VBS Visits Baptist Building

MEMBERS OF THE Intermediate VBS at Gaston Church near Booneville recently visited the Baptist Building in Jackson. They are seen with their pastor, Rev. W. G. Dowdy.



Caperton Foundation Provides Chapel

THE J. W. CAPERTON FOUNDATION of Mississippi provided loan funds to acquire the mobile chapel which is presently being used for the First Baptist Church at Sisseton, S. D. The mission work at Sisseton is sponsored by the First Baptist Church at Webster, S. D., where W. Ross Harmonson, P. O. Box 63, serves as pastor.



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"The Thing" Set For Forest Hill Church

September 17-21, 1968 has been set as the date for "The Thing" at Forest Hill Baptist Church in Hinds County. Gary Googe will be the speaker at all the services and Le Spivey, Forest Hill music and youth director, will lead the song service.

If you like thrilling inspirational music you will enjoy the Forest Hill Youth Choir, The Villagers and the Treble Teens from the Baptist Children's Village. We invite all to come and hear the truth concerning "The Real Thing" in life at 7:30 each evening Wednesday thru Sunday and 11:00 o'clock Sunday morning. Rev. Wilbur Irwin, pastor.

Without fools, and politicians the people would have but little to laugh at. The more arguments you win, the fewer friends you'll have. A person may be known by the company he avoids.

Names In The News

CHARLES W. HORNER, director of the Student Department of the South Carolina Baptist Convention, and former BSU (now Department of Student Work) Secretary (now Director) of the Mississippi Baptist Convention, is featured in a two page story in the August 28 issue of The Baptist Courier, South Carolina Baptists' weekly journal. JOHN FARMER, Brotherhood Secretary of South Carolina, also a former Mississippian, was similarly featured in a recent issue of the paper.

Billy Keith Putt of Corinth, (pictured), surrendered to preach the Gospel on May May. Keith is the 14-year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Putt of Corinth. He attends the West Corinth Baptist Church and is active in all church activities. While a Junior he was State Winner each of the 4 years work Drill. In the Jr. Memory

Keith is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Putt, Mrs. William Spencer and the late Mr. Spencer all of Corinth. Keith preached his first sermon on June 15 in his church. Since he has had charge of Prayer Meeting and was speaker at the Associational Brotherhood meeting and the Youth night services. Rev. Billy Langley is his Pastor.

Mrs. Sarah Fox Eddleman, wife of New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary President H. Leo Eddleman, has just undergone major surgery in New Orleans. Dr. Terrill Tyler was the surgeon, assisted by the Eddleman's son-in-law, Dr. Don Duvall, M. D. Also, a daughter of the Eddlemans, Dr. Sarah Duvall, is attending Mrs. Eddleman during the critical time of recovery.

Virgil L. McBride, director of development and assistant to the president at Chowan College, has resigned to accept the position of governmental relations administrator of the State Department of Local Affairs in Raleigh. McBride, a native of Durant, Miss. and a graduate of Mississippi College and Southeastern Baptist Seminary, had been at Chowan since 1961, when he held the position of director of public relations. He was named director of development in 1965.

Miss Connie Lou Ellis was one of the 450 staff members at Glorieta Baptist Assembly during the second half of the summer season. She is the daughter of J. F. Ellis, Route 1, West Point.

Menno Burkhalter of Berne, Indiana, father of Mrs. Estus Mason of Crystal Springs, died Wednesday, Aug. 27, at the age of 93 of an apparent heart attack. He taught a Sunday School class in his church on the Sunday before his death.



MISSISSIPPI COLLEGE YOUTH ORCHESTRA, formed from students studying in the string extension program, shown performing for interested parents and friends.

MC String Extension Begins 4th Year Woodland Hills

Charles Muller, minister of Music at Woodland Hills Church, Jackson, announces that instruction in the string instruments (violin, viola, 'cello, string bass) will again be offered on Saturday mornings at the church for interested children, ages six through high school. A number of young people from Woodland Hills Baptist Church are studying in this string program and are also members of the Mississippi College Youth Orchestra which meets weekly at Woodland Hills.

The classes will be taught by the staff of the Mississippi College String Extension Program, now in its fourth growing year in the Jackson area. Professor Allan Fuller, Music Director of the Program, and members of his string staff will be teaching the classes.

Instruments are available at the local music stores. They may be rented on a trial basis at a rate of approximately \$5 per month, the rent being applicable to the purchase price. If you are interested in enrolling your child, or would like to discuss the matter, please contact Mrs. Betty Fuller, Program Director:

924-6367 (home), or 924-5131, Ext. 230 (college).

Registration for those interested will be held at Woodland Hills on Saturday morning, September 13, 1968, at 10 a. m., with the Youth Orchestra's first rehearsal at 11 a.m.

REVIVAL RESULTS

Shiloh Church, (Chickasaw Assn.): Rev. Buford Easley, evangelist; Rev. Bobby Long, pastor; 31 professions of faith; 33 rededications; 5 surrendered to special service; 1 to the ministry; 1 to the mission field; 6 by letter.

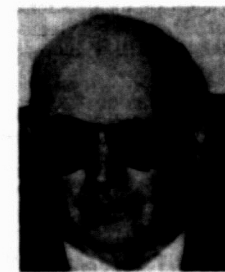
Revival Dates

Carriage Hills Church, 6108 Farmington Drive, Southaven: Sept. 14-19; Rev. James Richardson, pastor First, Leland, evangelist; J. B. Betts, full time music evangelist of Indianola, music leader; week day services 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Sunday services 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. J. B. Miller, pastor.

Louise Church: September 7-12; Rev. Jasper Neel, pastor First, Belzoni, evangelist; Sam Dees, Hollandale, in charge of music; Rev. R. Curtis Raglan pastor; Mrs. Ted Powell, pianist; Mrs. Hoyt Pass, church song leader; night services only, at 7:30 p. m.

Tribute To Rev. C. C. Perry

There is now a vacancy in the ranks of God's army. On August 2nd, one of His soldiers received his discharge and



Rev. C. C. Perry

charge and was called up before his Captain to receive his discharge. Rev. C. C. Perry has gone home to be with God.

He never sought promotion. He was content to fight the enemy in his assigned territory in and around Tishomingo County. His friends were legion. His antagonist, satan, felt the sharp edge of his bayonet, the Sword of the Lord, and in every skirmish satan met defeat.

Many happy homes are founded on his marriage ceremonies. Many "children and grandchildren in the Lord" are living to testify to his thoughtful consideration. He was sought for sound advice, he was adored by his many sons in the ministry and by his family, he was blessed of God for his close walk with the Lord, not only on the mountain top of God's favor but down in the valleys of sorrow and disappointments.

When the roll is called up yonder

he will be surrounded by scores of saints who have been led to the cross by his sermons, by his prayers and wise council.

The heritage he left behind is more precious than gold tried in the refiner's fire. The memory of his life is like a chain of lovely gems that will glow as long as there are those left to recall his ministry. Though blind for a number of years he had a sight that looked into the mysteries of God and saw visions and dreamed dreams that only the Spirit of God could reveal. Just as Jesus opened the eyes of the blind, unstopped deaf ears and made the lame to walk, even so now he is looking on the face of his dear Savior with eyes that take in the pristine glory of gates made of pearl and streets of transparent gold. The fulfillment of an old Hymn he loved so well is now an actuality:

When my life's work is ended and
I cross the swelling tide,
When that bright and glorious
morning I shall see;
I shall know my redeemer when
I reach the other side,
And His smile will be the first to
welcome me.

Through the gates to the city, in a
robe of spotless white,
He will lead me where no tears
shall ever fall;
In a glad song of ages I shall mingle
with delight

But I long to see my Savior first
of all.

Sent in by Loren D. Haney



McDowell Road Youth Choir Completes 3-State Tour

MCDOWELL ROAD YOUTH CHOIR COMPLETES 3-STATE TOUR. McDowell Road, Jackson's youth choir has just completed a three-state tour, giving concerts in Shreveport, La., Longview and Dallas, Texas, and in their home church. The 30-voice choir, with 14-voice ensemble, is accompanied by Bucky Owens and Dubbie Hardy, guitarists, and Mrs. Ann Speedling, pianist.

Rev. Johnny Speedling, Jr., associate pastor, is director. This was the choir's second tour; next year they plan a tour in a pioneer mission area, to assist in Bible school and evangelism, and to give concerts. Rev. John C. Hilbun is pastor at McDowell Road.